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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Precarious Position

**HONGKONG'S** trade figures for August are slightly more encouraging for exports rose slightly for the second consecutive month at a time when usually there is a seasonal decline. The increase in the value of exports in August—\$3 million—is hardly significant. It represents only a 1.5 per cent improvement on the previous month's total. But there is a more interesting comparison with the figures for August, 1953. This shows that there has been a 100 per cent or \$28.2 million increase. Exports in the first eight months, however, are well down compared with the corresponding period last year; there has been a fall of 19.6 per cent or \$37.9 million over the period. Despite the slight narrowing of the gap between imports and exports there is still a large adverse trade balance and the figures serve to underline the still precarious position of Hongkong's trade. There can certainly be no complacency about the present position and there should be no wishful thinking that all the Colony's troubles are going to be over when the United Nations decides to lift the embargo on trade with Communist China. In the American view, there is no good reason why the embargo should be lifted yet, in fact there are many reasons why it should continue to be enforced. And even if the United Nations, in its wisdom, should decide to end this boycott, there is nothing to suggest that Hongkong will handle the lion's share of the Sino-European trade as it did before.

These trade figures show that Hongkong is still relying on traditional markets to a very large extent for the sale of its products abroad. It is doubtful whether the Colony can ever expect any security from this trade. Certainly this trade must be maintained but there is an urgent need to secure new markets and develop them to such an extent that they may "cushion" the slumps that do periodically occur in the larger markets. More we feel, should be done to push Hongkong's name abroad, especially in those regions with which our traders have had little contact. Competition from large highly-industrialised Asian neighbours, we realise, imposes a barrier to expansion but an exhaustive survey of world markets is bound to reveal new openings for our locally-made products. This trade promotion should go hand in hand with the drive to increase Hongkong's productive capacity. Every opportunity should be seized to show the Colony's wares in overseas markets not only to secure orders but to establish in the overseas mind a proper appreciation of the Colony and its products. For if there is a need to develop markets there is also a definite need to give wide publicity to Hongkong's products. It must be stated, too, that it is not enough for Hongkong to have resident foreign and Commonwealth trade commissioners here but that even more should be done by the Trade Promotion Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese manufacturers to acquaint neighbouring nations of the possibilities inherent in trade with Hongkong. To this extent, Government should consider sending a trade mission representative of Hongkong industry to neighbouring Far East countries, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe to seek new avenues of trade. For Hongkong's trade is in a precarious position.

# U.S. NAVY SHIPS SENT TO PACIFIC

## Long Range Plan To Balance Strength In 2 Oceans

### Carrier And 16 Destroyers Coming

Washington, Sept. 14. The American Navy will send the big aircraft carrier Midway and 16 destroyers from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the next four months as part of a long-range plan to place strength in the two oceans on an even basis, a Navy spokesman said today.

In stating that the 45,000-ton carrier and two destroyer squadrons would be assigned to the Pacific, he said the move had no direct connection with the situation along the China coast.

Washington officials said later the United States had "quietly assembled" a mighty fleet in the Pacific with 15 aircraft carriers, 10 cruisers, 125 destroyers and 60 submarines.

## 434 Arrests In Persian Spy Round-up

Tehran, Sept. 14. Distasteful relatives of the Shah, senior army officers and administrators and technicians of the giant Abadan oil refinery have been arrested in a nation-wide round-up of a spy ring working for Russia, it was disclosed today.

The Shah's relatives were among the 434 officers whose arrest was announced in Parliament by the War Minister, Major-General Abdollah Haydari.

The Military Governor of Tehran, Brigadier-General Teimour Baklar, announced later that 133 Communists were arrested at Abadan last night. Three were army officers and the rest were civilian staff of the refinery.

Earlier reports from Abadan said those arrested were card-bearing Communists in touch with Communist cells in the sack of Kuwait, 80 miles across the Persian Gulf.

They maintained contact with an aircraft at illegal strips. Army sources said the arrests had not so far disclosed any plans to sabotage the refinery, the world's largest.

General Haydari, whose Majlis speech was punctuated by shouts of "Hang the lot," told deputies that most of the arrested officers "have confessed and asked for clemency."

He said the arrested had ended a 13-year-old conspiracy in the army, police and air force. The first published list of 79 names includes 13 colonels.—Reuter.

The U.S. 7th Fleet is pledged to defend Formosa island from attack.

The transfers, the spokesman said, were dictated primarily by the Navy's desire to reduce the need for shifting units and the consequent dislocation of the family lives of members of the crew.

The Midway will be making its first tour of duty in the Pacific, relieving one of the smaller Essex class carriers now operating there, which is due for overhaul.

## MODERNISATION

After serving with the fleet at sea for some months, the spokesman said the Midway would return to the Pacific coast for large-scale modernisation.

The two destroyer squadrons, designed for transfer to the Pacific, are based at Norfolk, Virginia, and Newport, Rhode Island.

The Navy spokesman said that for some years five destroyer squadrons had been involved in fairly frequent transfers between the two oceans.

He recalled that Admiral Robert Conroy, of Naval Operations, recently declared that the Navy would rearrange ship assignment schedules so that crews would know in advance that their ships would remain in one ocean or another for a longer period of time than has been possible since the outbreak of the Korean war.

During the Korean conflict, the Atlantic Fleet sent to the Pacific one battleship, one carrier, 16 destroyers and some auxiliary craft. The battleship and four destroyers have now been returned to the Atlantic on a permanent basis.

## PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT

Navy officers said it was too early to say whether the transfer programme would result in permanent assignment of more fighting ships to the Pacific, in relation to the "Atlantic" than before June 1950. Some ships now in the Pacific were scheduled for overhaul and modernisation.

## A MIGHTY FLEET

Washington, Sept. 14. The United States has quietly assembled a mighty fleet in the Pacific, comprising by 18 aircraft-carriers to deal with any sudden emergency in the area, officials told Reuter today.

The officials said the aircraft-carriers were supported by about 10 cruisers, 125 destroyers and 60 submarines. It was emphasised that these were "round figures" but substantially reflected the power of the American Navy in the Pacific.

## SUPPORT 7TH FLEET

It was learned that a formidable part of this fleet was ready to support the units permanently assigned to the Seventh Fleet operation of guarding Formosa.

## LOGISTIC SUPPORT

A Defense Department spokesman said today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was free to bolster the defence of Quemoy with military equipment sent by the United States to Formosa.

United States military aid was going to Formosa "at a very steady pace," the spokesman said. He added that "to the knowledge of the Defense Department, material is not being sent to Quemoy by the United States."

But, he said, Chiang can use equipment sent to Formosa to strengthen his Nationalist outpost on Quemoy if he wishes.

"These statements were in response to questions about a published report that the U.S. 7th Fleet will provide logistic support (supplies and equipment) to Quemoy."

Other military sources said there was nothing to indicate that the Chinese Nationalists on Quemoy—130 miles from their main stronghold on Formosa—were unable to handle the situation themselves in the face of Red artillery attacks or possible "invasion" attempts.—Reuter and United Press.

## New Disturbance In Guatemala

New disturbances broke out today in Guatemala, where the Government is fighting a guerrilla war against Communist forces.

Guatemalan officials said today that Communist forces had been active in the area of the town of Escuintla, about 100 miles from the capital, Guatemala City.

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## Car Catches Fire



A black Plymouth sedan, HK9219, was badly damaged when its petrol tank caught fire at about 10.15 this morning. It was parked on the slope of Glenalbyn, unattended, when a passer-by saw flames spurt out of the hood. He informed the Police who made an attempt to put the fire out with foam extinguishers. The Fire Brigade arrived and worked on it until after 11 a.m. It was believed for a short while that there was a danger of the tank exploding, and Police officers, firemen and passers-by moved nearby cars to safety. The huge column of smoke attracted a large crowd. But they were ordered away when they hampered the firemen.

## Red China Begins National Service

### 450,000 To Be Called Up

London, Sept. 15. Communist China is to call up 450,000 men to the forces between next November 1 and February 28, 1955, the New China News Agency reported today.

The Government Administration Council passed an order for recruitment to the forces on September 9, the agency said.

The call-up was a step towards the gradual establishment of a system of universal military service, the agency said.

Men aged between 18 and 22 were liable to conscription. Service would be for: three years in the Army, four years in the Air Force or five years in the Navy.

## FILL PLACES

The men will fill all the places of demobilised members of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. The figure will be broken down and various areas will each have a quota to fulfil for the call-up, the agency said.

The period of active service will be counted from February 1, 1955.

Eligible citizens, who constitute the only man-power or only son of a family, will be deferred. The order also stipulated that those who are deprived of political rights, according to the law, should not be called up.—Reuter.

## Daring Bank Robbery

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sept. 14. A man wearing army fatigues robbed the branch of the Bank of New Mexico of more than \$115,000 today in a daring daylight hold-up.

New Mexico State policemen and the Sheriff's office immediately set up road blocks leading out of the city.

Sheriff deputies arrested an airman driving near the scene of the hold-up but later released him. Sheriff Harold Huffbell said the airman was picked up for questioning when the car he was driving was identified as being similar to the one parked in front of the bank during the hold-up.

O. T. Smoot, President of the Bank of New Mexico, said today that the bank was "not disturbed" by the robbery.

All the money was taken from the vault and the bank was closed for business today.

## DULLES MAY FLY TO LONDON

### For Talks On Europe And Germany

London, Sept. 14. In the flurry of diplomatic activity over German rearmament and a new plan for European defence following the collapse of the E.D.C., there were these new developments today:—

In Washington:—American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles is considering flying to London this weekend to hold talks with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden.

In Bonn:—The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer announced he would meet Mr. Dulles in the near future. Dr. Adenauer also told his parliamentary supporters today that Mr. Eden had fully supported his claim for full German sovereignty.

In Paris:—Mr. Eden arrives from Rome in a bid to get French support for a new scheme to bring West Germany into European Defence. He is on the last lap of his "Little Europe" tour and he already has the backing of five West European nations for his plan—a seven-nation defence system with Britain playing an equal part alongside the continental powers. He will report on his findings to a special meeting of the 14-nation North Atlantic Council called for Thursday morning.

Washington, Sept. 15. Mr. John Foster Dulles is considering flying to London over the weekend to discuss rearmament with Mr. Eden, a State Department official said last night.

The official said that Mr. Dulles had not yet made a firm decision but was giving "serious consideration" to a flying visit to London to discuss with Mr. Anthony Eden the plans put forward to grant sovereignty to the Republic of West Germany and bring West German forces into an integrated European defence.

The United States has not yet committed itself to a specific course of action to find a substitute for the defunct European Defence Community treaty which France failed to ratify.

EDEN'S SUPPORT  
Bonn, Sept. 14. Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, told his Parliament supporters today that Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, had fully supported his claim for full German sovereignty.

Dr. Adenauer said the occupation should be ended by an allied declaration and not by a treaty.

Mr. Eden's visit had had the purpose of sounding out various possible ways of rearmament. Dr. Adenauer said.

He named:  
1. Direct entry of West Germany into NATO.  
2. A substitute for the defunct E.D.C.  
3. The Brussels pact.

Dr. Adenauer gave the second course very few chances as he thought the French Parliament would not consent to any substitution of E.D.C. He spoke cautiously about the possibility of a German entry into NATO, as this project, too, could easily be foiled by a French veto, he said. (Contd. on back page, Col. 3)



U.S.S. MIDWAY

## Troops Surround Top Mau Mau Chief

Nairobi, Sept. 14. British troops, police, Kikuyu guards and armoured cars tonight ringed the Magugu forest, 20 miles from here, in an attempt to kill or capture the Mau Mau's top commander—"Field Marshal"—Dedan Kimathi.

Within the 20 square mile patch of jungle, the scar-faced Kimathi and a gang, estimated to number between 50 and 100, were believed to be lurking after a 13-hour hunt by men of the security forces.

It was feared that the brief tropical twilight and the approaching darkness might cut the security forces off and so eliminate the top terrorist leader who has a price of \$50,000 on his head.

Throughout most of the day, light hours, troops were visible in the forest, and armoured cars were using Aero-tracker dogs.

Seven more Kikuyu terrorists have been "hunted" in Nairobi, five for consorting with illegally armed persons and two for unauthorised possession of arms.

Nine terrorists have been killed in the past 24 hours and quantities of arms and ammunition have been captured. It was announced today that a Mau Mau leader, a "Field Marshal", had been killed.

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**BEVAN SAYS:**

**We Opened The Doors Of China**

London, Sept. 15. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, leader of the left-wing of the Labour Party, said here tonight on his return with other Labour representatives from their tour of Communist China:

"I think we have opened the doors that were closed and that we have made it possible for understanding to be reached where a great deal of misunderstanding exists."

"The general conclusion we have reached is that the peoples we have seen are convinced that there is nothing that separates the nations of the world that cannot be resolved by discussion and peaceful negotiation."

**BESENTEFUL**

Mr. Bevan said that he had been told that the Chinese were deeply resentful their mainland had been attacked by the forces of General Chiang Kai-shek situated in Formosa "and it is asking a little too much of human nature that they should desert from realisation."

Mr. Bevan told reporters at the airport: "I am afraid I haven't much of a report to make. We have decided we must not make any individual statements of much importance until we make our collective report."

"We hope that will be ready for presentation to the Labour Party's conference at Scarborough (on September 27)."

Mr. Bevan said he hoped to visit the United States before long.—Reuter.

**FUNK LEAVES SPANDAU GAOL FOR OPERATION**

Berlin, Sept. 14. The Russians, in a rare instance of agreement with the West, consented today to the transfer from the four-Power Spandau prison of Hitler's former Economics Minister, Walter Funk, to undergo surgery.

Funk, serving a life term on war crimes charges, was taken to a British military hospital in Berlin where American Army surgeons will perform the operation on Thursday.

Funk, 65, has an ailment of the prostate gland.—United Press.

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# MAINE ELECTION

## Democrats Jubilant Over Victory Of New Governor NOVEMBER PROSPECTS

Washington, Sept. 14. Jubilant Democrats hailed Maine election returns today as a harbinger of victory in the November battle for control of Congress. Republicans claimed a triumph for the Eisenhower Administration.

Democratic jubilation stemmed from the election of a Democratic Governor for the first time in 20 years and the better showing they made in the Senate contest and three Congressional races.

Republicans wrote off the loss of the governorship as a matter of "local issues." They insisted the Senate and Congressional victories were the true test of Republican strength.

Democratic National Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell predicted the Democrats will recapture control of Congress handsily if they can do as well nationally in November as they did in Maine yesterday.

Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall showed no public signs of dismay. He wired congratulations to Senator Margaret Chase Smith and the three re-elected Republican Congressmen on the basis of their re-election victories "in the face of stiffer than usual opposition and the obstacles of local issues."

He called it a tribute to their own records and the Eisenhower programme and said that Maine voters "saw fit to distinguish between national and State issues."

**LARGER PERCENTAGE**

Democrats stressed that, although they did not win the Senate and House seats, the Democratic challenger received a larger percentage of the vote than usual.

In 1948 when she was elected to her first Senate term, Mrs. Smith got 71 per cent of the vote. Yesterday she got 68.0 per cent on the basis of nearly-complete returns.

Similar drops in the Republican margin were shown in the three Congressional districts. Republican candidates got 67 per cent of the vote in 1952. Yesterday they got 65 per cent, a drop of 12 per cent.

"If this switch reflects in any way a national trend," Mitchell said, "it is not difficult to predict the outcome of the November elections."

**MINIMUM OF 40**

"In 1952 the Republicans won 40 House seats by victory margins of five per cent or less. Thus, if the Democrats make half the gains elsewhere, that they made in the Maine Congressional races, we will pick up a minimum of 40 seats."

On the same basis a higher percentage of the total vote cast—he forecast the Democrats winning enough Senate seats in November to capture control of that Chamber.

Chairman Earl C. Clements of the Senate Democratic campaign committee also saw the prospect of "significant gains" in the November election.

He noted that while Mrs. Smith won re-election, the Democratic candidate, Colby College Professor Paul Fulkner, got the highest percentage of Democratic votes in a Maine Senate race since 1938.—United Press.

**Rediscovered Liqueur For Dollar Market**

Edinburgh, Sept. 14. A romantic story with American links is being used to launch a "rediscovered" liqueur made by a new local company, which plans to invade the United States market.

The story goes that the drink, said to be the traditional liqueur of the Clan Macgregor, was first distilled on the Scottish moors more than a century ago.

Its formula was lost until rediscovered through a tiny quantity preserved for 80 years in Hays City, Kansas.

**AGED EMIGRANT**

The sample was brought back to Scotland by an aged emigrant to America, when he returned to visit relatives.

The present owner, a member of a strict Free Church family, has never tasted the liqueur, which is made of malt whisky, heather honey, wild strawberries, wild cherries, bog myrtle and herbs.

It was only after his temperance scruples had been overcome and permission given for the drink to be developed commercially that the company was allowed to embark on the three-year job of analyzing the sample from America.—China Mail Special.

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# EDEN AND PICCIONI AGREE

## Typhoon June's Death Roll Now 56

Tokyo, Sept. 15. Typhoon June, weakened to a wet and windy tropical storm, drenched the vital Russian naval base of Vladivostok today (Wednesday) after cutting a path of death and destruction through Japan.

United States Air Force weather observers said that the Vladivostok area on the eastern Siberian coast was receiving heavy rains. Breaching the Iron Curtain, Soviet weather reports are received on an almost regular radio schedule by American forecasters.

The centre of the storm was 150 miles due south of Vladivostok early today, but rains already were falling on that largest Far East Russian naval base.

The storm is expected to turn east late today and travel into the Pacific Ocean between Hokkaido, Japan's northern island, and Russian-held Sakhalin Island.

### 54 MISSING

In its two-day sweep through south-western Japan, June killed at least 50 persons and injured 228. Fifty-four persons still were missing and 7,800 were homeless.

A new typhoon, meanwhile, churned slowly through the East China Sea today, but US forecasters said it was too early to predict whether it would hit the US island fortress of Okinawa, or Japan.

The latest typhoon, named Lorna, was located about 340 miles south-south-east of Iwojima. It was travelling west toward Formosa, but probably will turn north, forecasters said.—United Press.

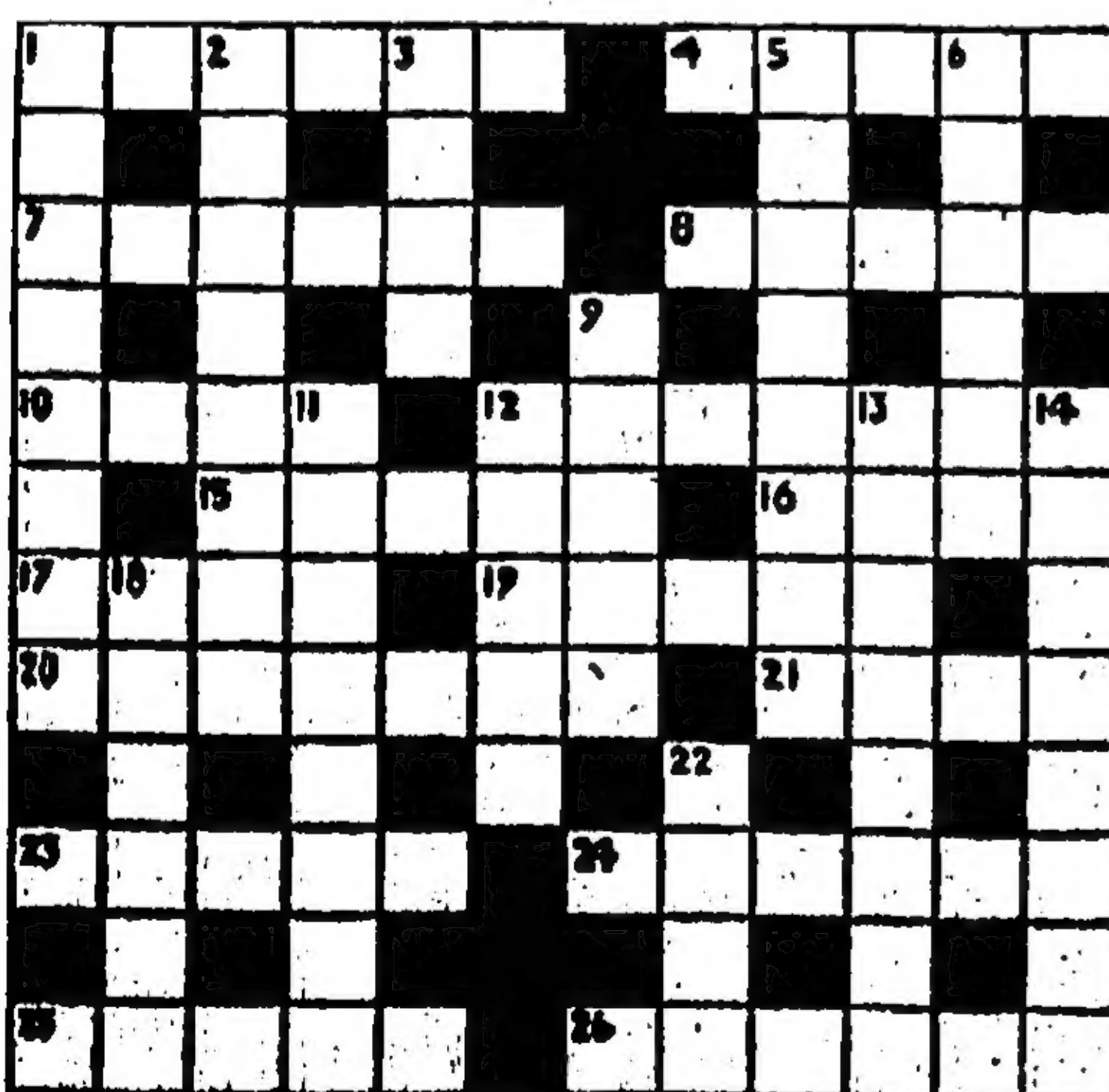
## Arab Arms Aid One-Sided, Says Attorney

New York, Sept. 14. The Brooklyn District Attorney, Edward Silver, today accused the U.S. Government of a "one-sided" programme to arm the Arab nations and called for equal arms aid "to the law-abiding nation of Israel."

Mr. Silver returned from a visit to Israel last night. He was a member of an 11-man commission of New York businessmen and civic leaders who inspected Israel's major industrial and agricultural development projects.

"The United States has a solid stake in Israel, both as a democratic ally and as a stabilising force in the Middle East," he said. "Israel must not be bypassed in our programme of armed aid to Middle Eastern countries."—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Din (8).
- 2 Dapper (8).
- 3 Frank (6).
- 4 Plaster (6).
- 5 Praise (4).
- 6 Object (7).
- 7 Assembly (8).
- 8 Refresh (4).
- 9 Consumes (4).
- 10 Used to guide a horse (6).
- 11 Plunder (7).
- 12 Change direction (4).
- 13 Mad (5).
- 14 Servile (6).
- 15 Poetry (5).
- 16 Obstinately (6).

### DOWN

- 1 Remembered (8).
- 2 Seeks advice from (8).
- 3 Wickedness (4).
- 4 Beliegent (8).
- 5 Rubbish (6).
- 6 Angler's basket (5).
- 7 Gives up hope (8).
- 8 Danger (5).
- 9 Making certain of (8).
- 10 Sparkled (8).
- 11 Make effervescent (6).
- 12 Nothing (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 2. Ringlets; 3. Felt; 4. Retailer; 11. Esteemed; 12. Usual; 13. Robot; 14. Siren; 15. Room; 22. Hospital; 23. Guidance; 24. Arouse; 25. Condemns; 26. Down: 1. Speed; 2. Sloth; 3. Raved; 4. Mem.; 5. Glad; 6. Blister; 7. Blinks; 10. Tender; 14. Blown; 15. Tempest; 16. Tragic; 17. Notion; 20. Burn; 21. Fleet; 22. Hate; 23. Bomb.

## WRONG BODY

Copenhagen, Sept. 14. In Haarlev Church near Sandvig, in north Zealand, a clergyman, who was now to the district, while conducting a funeral service, made a brief mention in praise of the deceased.

It soon became clear, however, that he was referring to quite another person than the occupant of the coffin. Instead of eulogizing Frau Olga Ingemann Larsen, he spoke words of warm appreciation of Frau Sadelmaker Larsen, who happened to be one of the mourners in church.

Finally the village school master intervened and the parson sat down in confusion. His place was taken by one of the deceased's family, who made the speech instead.—China Mail Special.

## Casey Will Consult With Eden

London, Sept. 14. Mr Richard Casey, Australia's External Affairs Minister, arrived here by air tonight on his way to New York.

He said he hoped to meet Mr Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, after his European visit to talk over the implications of the Southeast Asian collective defence treaty.

"I want to talk about SEATO with Mr Eden and see how it is going to work for the future because the United Kingdom's views are important," he said.

Mr Casey said that the latest Pact would still remain, it would not be superseded by SEATO. "It will be six months at least before SEATO is ratified by all the governments," he said.

"The Manila conference was a good business-like conference. The result, I think, was a good compromise between the inevitable varying views of eight countries each situated quite differently to the other one."

Mr Casey plans to leave by air for New York on Thursday night to lead his country's delegation to the United Nations ninth General Assembly beginning on September 21.—Reuter.

## Woman 110 Dies

Mahe, Seychelles, Sept. 14. Marie Agnes Sophie, believed to have been the oldest woman in the world, has died here at the age of 110 years.

She remembered seeing cargoes of freed African slaves being landed here by British ships when she was a grown woman.

In 1802 she survived a big landslide here by sheltering in a cave near her home which was destroyed.—China Mail Special.

## Governments Should Promote A Greater European Union MIXED RECEPTION AT STRASBOURG

Rome, Sept. 14.

A communique issued by the two Foreign Ministers, Mr Eden (Britain), and Signor Piccioni (Italy), tonight said they were "fully in agreement that the Governments should do all in their power to promote greater European union, with the inclusion of the German Federal Republic and with the full participation of the United Kingdom."

The communique added: "The further development of institutions already existing in Europe will constitute for this purpose a contribution of the highest importance." (This was taken to mean particularly development of the Brussels pact).

The communique said that Mr Eden and the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Attilio Piccioni, had also agreed that a conference should be called as soon as possible "to study, in a preliminary way, the best way to associate the German Federal Republic with the countries of Western Europe, in order to promote closer European union and in defence of the free world."

The following was the text of the joint communique:

"The Italian Foreign Minister, the Honourable Piccioni, and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom, Mr Anthony Eden, had an exhaustive exchange of views at the Villa Madama on September 14, 1954.

"The conversations took place within the framework of the visits that Mr Eden is paying to the capitals of the European countries directly interested in the situation created by the failure to approve the treaty for a European Defence Community.

### POINTS OF VIEW

"Mr Eden informed Minister Piccioni of the point of view of Her Britannic Majesty's Government at the present moment, as well as of the conversations he has had already in Brussels and Bonn.

## French Opinions Differ

Strasbourg, Sept. 14.

The reported Eden Plan to bring West Germany and Italy into an enlarged Brussels Treaty got a mixed reception at the 15-nation Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly here today.

Among French delegates, many opponents of the European Army project welcomed the plan.

But Socialist backers of the defeated European Defence Community said that the new scheme by which West Germany would enter the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was unacceptable.

Pro-EDC French Socialists still insist West German rearmament should be allowed only under strict international control. The inter-governmental nature of the Brussels Treaty does not provide sufficient democratic control of rearmament, they contend.

M. Guy Mollet, French Socialist EDC supporter, told Reuter tonight that his party would oppose such a solution to the European defence crisis if it came to a vote in the French Assembly.

"Even less Socialists would support this solution than voted for the EDC treaty last month," he added.

But reaction was more reserved among supporters of European integration who plan to meet tomorrow to discuss how to continue their fight for European unity despite the collapse of the Defence Community Treaty.

### WARMLY APPROVE

M. Pierre Olivier Lapie, French opponent of EDC, said: "I warmly approve of what is known of the British plan to bring West Germany and Italy into the proposed treaty of Western Union."

He expressed his firm belief that M. Pierre Mendes-France is taking all interest in keeping the closest possible link with Britain and will therefore go a long way to meet British views."

He said that apparently the suggestions by Mr Eden were inspired by the Churchillian ideal of a unified European force or distinct from an integrated European army.

The Assembly debate on the European defence crisis opening on Friday will bring to light all the different shades of view on Eden's plans.

"The consolidation of peace continues to be the main objective of both countries."

"The two Ministers fully agreed in the view that both Governments must do all they can to promote greater unity of Western Europe, with the inclusion of the German Federal Republic, and with the full participation of the United Kingdom."

"The further development of institutions already existing in Europe will constitute a contribution of the greatest importance."

### PROMPT ACTION

"The two Ministers agreed on the necessity of prompt action to meet the present situation and on the early convocation of a conference to study, in a preliminary way, the means of associating the German Federal Republic as quickly as possible with the Western countries, in order to promote closer European union and in defence of the free world."

"Finally the two Ministers, taking into consideration the direct relations between Italy and United Kingdom noted with satisfaction that they are developing on lines of confident reciprocal collaboration."—Reuter.

## Defence Spending Reduced By U.S. Government

Washington, Sept. 14.

The United States Government today announced new reductions in defence spending but said the revised expenditure would support "the most powerful and efficient fighting force" the country had ever had in peacetime.

Spending by the Atomic Energy Commission which the President last January estimated at \$2,425 million (\$902 million) was cut to \$2,200 million (\$786 million). This is still the highest ever and \$307 million more than last year.

The new figures were disclosed in the annual summer budget review published by the Budget Bureau.

It said that due to increased non-military spending and falling revenues the Government might be \$4,700 million (\$1,678 million) in debt during the current fiscal year.

Other details on the new reductions are:

Spending for military functions—direct military outlays—was to be cut from \$3,576 million (\$1,322 million) for fiscal 1955 by Mr Eisenhower last January to \$3,500 million (\$1,278 million).

### MILITARY AID

The mutual military programme—military aid to allied nations—was to be reduced from the \$4,275 million (\$1,527 million) recommended by Mr Eisenhower last January to \$3,300 million (\$1,104 million). This compared with \$3,320 million (\$1,127 million) spent on military aid last year.

Stockpiling expenditures which Mr Eisenhower estimated would come to \$500 million (\$214 million) this year were increased to \$900 million (\$321 million). That was also an increase of \$250 million (\$89 million) over fiscal 1954 spending for stockpiling or strategic or critical materials.

"Although less than recent years in both amount and per cent, these (national security) expenditures will support the most powerful and efficient fighting force the United States has ever maintained short of war," the Budget Bureau said.

### MODERN WEAPONS

"Furthermore the expenditures will finance the continued acquisition of large quantities of modern weapons and electronic warning equipment (\$1,287 million—\$4,745 million—in the fiscal year 1955, none of which is now being consumed by active hostilities); permit an expansion of military reserve forces (up 28 per cent over 1953); make substantial additions to military public works (\$1,346 million—\$481 million—in the fiscal year); and assure the continuation of all essential research and development activities (within eight per cent of the peak in 1953)."

As an example of economic through "improved management techniques" the Defence Department would be operating with 230,000 fewer civilian employees than in January 1953, when the Eisenhower administration took over.—Reuter.

## Science Should Not Be Used For Evil

Denver, Sept. 14.

President Eisenhower today urged that nations put their new-found scientific knowledge to benign, rather than war-like, efforts.

The chief executive made his appeal at dedication ceremonies for the new \$9,376,000 radio research laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards, located at Boulder, Colorado, 30 miles northwest of here.

At the huge laboratory Federal scientists will study ways of putting a greater number of high radio frequencies into use by industry, science, communications, and the armed services.

Addressing a crowd of about 5,000, Eisenhower said: "Every discovery of science can be used for good or evil. One good use is to use the best of science to make peace with science."—United Press.

## Princess Makes Presentation



Princess Alexandra, watched by her mother, the Duchess of Kent, presents the cup to the Trumpet Major A. T. Smith of the Second Signals Regiment band during Warriors' Day ceremonies at the Canadian National Exhibition, opened by the Royal Visitors during their visit to Toronto on their Canadian tour.—Reuterphoto.

## Mr Butler Off To I.M.F. Meeting POINTS FOR FREELING THE POUND

London, Sept. 14.

Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said here today, before leaving for Montreal on his way to the Washington meetings of the International Bank and the Monetary Fund, that a three-point basis for "freeing the pound" would be:

1. Free trade with the United States.

2. The provision of United States credits if Britain wanted it.

3. Stronger policies in the whole of the Commonwealth and sterling areas.

"We are a long way towards achieving the last of these conditions," the Chancellor said.

Mr Butler is leading for the first time the British delegation to the annual sessions of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, which this year begin in Washington on September 24.

Last year and in 1952, he was unable to attend the meetings because of pressure of work at home.

Mr Butler said that no spectacular results should be expected from the meeting, but added: "I want the business and financial worlds to know that what is wanted now is patient progress, to consolidate all the gains we have made, and I should like the working population to understand we want to be sure they can keep their jobs."

### KEEP COSTS DOWN

"We want to be sure we can keep costs down and make good the progress we have made. We want the United States to do more in freeing their trade."

"We have practically covered the good old dollar gap which my predecessor, Sir Stafford Cripps used to talk about, so we have not done too badly. But we want to cover it on a long-term basis."

"One great thing you have to remember about a Chancellor of the Exchequer is that if he does not go out to produce false results himself, he is doing a good job."

"The fact that we are not in a crisis situation and I am going on a routine meeting means things are pretty good. Therefore I do not expect any spectacular results."—Reuter.

## AMERICAN MAGAZINE ASKS:

## IS CLEM ATTLEE AS GULLIBLE AS HE SEEMS?

New York, Sept. 14.

Time Magazine's main feature this week is a critical report on Mr Clement Attlee's visit to Russia and Red China which asks: "Is Clem Attlee as gullible as he seems?"

The weekly magazine published the British Labour Party leader's portrait—superimposed on a map of Communist China—on its front cover.

The story on their recent trip to Moscow and Peking by Mr Attlee's Labour Party group consists of a detailed summation of their activities and statements in the Soviet Union and in China.

"Is Clem Attlee as gullible as he seems?" the magazine asked. "It is hard to tell from his curious, deep-seated way of writing and speaking. His sentences frequently end on a tentative note, as if the point will come in the next paragraph."

"He can be bafflingly bland. Sample (from his autobiographical account of his first trip to Moscow in 1939): 'Unfortunately, my visit preceded by a few weeks the big purges, which removed a number of the leading men I had contacted, notably Marshal Tukhachevski.'"

"Attlee could walk with Dante through Hell," Time continued, "and emerge, retaining that different people had different tastes, but it did not seem rather too hot."

Referring to the forthcoming annual conference of the Labour Party, Time predicted that "Clem Attlee and Labour's moderate leadership are in for trouble."

"Attlee is a firm believer in the dictum that he who stands up to a stampede only gets stamped on; the way to handle a stampede is to ride with it and perhaps turn it. But in trying to turn the Communist stampede, Attlee has allowed the 'Bavarian' position. Last week, some began to wonder whether Clem Attlee was trying to turn the stampede or lead it."—United Press.

## British Scientists



Taken at Washington, D.C., during the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, this picture shows Dr. E. D. Adrian, OM, President of the Royal Society (left) and Dr. Robert Robinson, OM, FRS, who is to be the Association's next President.—Central Press Photo.

34 DEAD IN RAIL CRASH

Laboon, Sept. 14.

A toll of 34 dead and 54 injured was reported today following the derailment of the Algonquin-Laboon express train yesterday afternoon at Laboon, about 130 miles south of Laboon.—Reuter.



# FAIRBANKS IS TO ABDICATE

Show business is no business for a man who wants to shine as a diplomat

By GEORGE WATSON

FILM idols are usually deposed — or retired. Douglas Fairbanks, like Garbo, is abdicating. At 45, as handsome, charming and modest as ever, he is planning to leave show business. For him there is greater magic in Big Business.

He may make one farewell film, but even that is not certain. And, today, I can reveal that Fairbanks also intends to give up his present job, the day by day running of the British National Studios at Epsom where he makes commercial TV films for America.

He intends to devote himself to more formidable matters: international affairs, the balance of trade and... popcorn.

Popcorn is today providing him with part of his livelihood. From his TV films, he earns nothing. They have made \$3,000,000 for Britain — but they cost that much to produce.

A man who tosses away a fortune — even if it does come from the profits department — is bound to be a baffling figure. Why is Fairbanks doing it? Fairbanks himself doesn't know. He has not had the time, he says, to be an introvert. So he doesn't know what makes his own wheels go round.

But I have just spent two hours drinking out at his house in Kensington, where the Queen dined with him.

## Contradictions

What is the truth about Fairbanks the socialite, actor and tycoon? My conversation with him revealed certain contradictions in his make-up.

"I am not a socialite, though I seem to have got the reputation for being one," says Fairbanks. "I have some very good friends who happen to be in the social set, but Society as such is a bore and holds no fascination for me."

YET... at his right hand, on the enormous desk in his study, are to be found DeBretts and Burke's Peerage. And the Bible. Also Ausrian cognac with one and two heads, a silver snuff with his own personal crest.

"I do not go out much," he says; "perhaps once a month on an average. Often I do not get home from the studios until nine — and have my dinner brought in on a tray in here while I'm working."

"Going into society is a full-time occupation, and I haven't

the time or inclination for it. When I accept an invitation from someone it is because the people happen to be friends or with the same interests as myself. I also have friends who are quite undistinguished and far from famous."

YET... on the walls of his study are autographed photographs of the late King, Queen Mary, Winston Churchill, Mr. Truman. The undistinguished friends are not represented. Asked to give an example of an undistinguished friend, he can only think of an all-in wrestler from Blackburn whom he knew 20 years ago. He met him with Lord Granville.

"I am not wealthy," he says. "I did not inherit a fortune from my father. He lost most of it in the depression. But I manage to keep ahead of the bailiffs. Just barely."

## California, too

YET... he has a palatial house in California and his place in Kensington is hardly a cottage. His inter-continental telephone system has ten extensions. His chauffeur drives him to parties in a Cadillac or a Rolls-Royce. He is "intimately connected with three business companies" and "connected by association with four others." These have to do with anything from ships to ealing-wax.

Well, why does a film star like Fairbanks abdicate? Not, as has wickedly been suggested, because he needs more time to put on his medals and decorations of an evening.

I think the clue was contained in his answer to one of my questions.

## Off the roof

He was telling me about his recent visit to Turkey, where he was the President's guest, as a semi-official representative of the American State Department.

"Do you find that the heads of State take seriously the advice of a man renowned for swinging over rooftops with a cutlass in his mouth?" I asked.

"Well," he said, "they didn't always. But they've had quite a long time to get accustomed to me now."

Mr. Fairbanks is clearly very anxious for his semi-official diplomatic activities to be taken with perfect seriousness.

Even at the cost of staying off those rooftops and permanently sheathing his cutlass.

# AN' I'LL BE IN SCOTLAND AFORE YE...



REPORTING... AN INCIDENT DURING THE GILES FAMILY'S PROGRESS ALONG THE ROAD TO THE HIGHLANDS

London Express Service

SEFTON DELMER is on his way through the Iron Curtain into East Germany. He will report all that he sees going on in Red territory, one of the flash-points of Europe. Today he sends a provocative eve-of-departure message from the West zone.



# When A Schoolboy Dares To Protest Against Rearming

Berlin. The school magazine, Die Antenne (The Aerial), has been sent to me by boys of the Albertus Magnus grammar school in Cologne.

"Dear Mr Delder," says a covering note, "this is the latest issue of our magazine. It has been confiscated by the authorities. You will have no difficulty in discovering for yourself by reading which articles caused them to close us down."

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"The spirit of the orthodox Prussian drill sergeant is rising like a Phoenix from its ashes. We had thought them branded and banished for all time, these circles who are the true bearers of militarism."

"But here they are awakened once more to monstrous activity. They are once more able to threaten schoolboys with a 'Just wait till we get you in the army. We will show you what a good time is.'"

## The Robot

KLAUS goes on to attack the degradation of the individual soldier and citizen to a mechanical robot under

the Prussian military system.

"Nothing indicates," he concludes, "that the present propagandists of soldiering are seeking to bring about a real change in this system."

Yes, it is quite clear Klaus and his friends, like hundreds of thousands of other Germans, do not like the idea of a new German Army.

They are afraid of what it would do to them and their country. But, it seems, they are not allowed to say so. The power of the militarists in this new German "democracy" is already so strong today that not even

schoolboys are permitted to speak out against them.

What will things be like if and when the militarists get their army?

The legal document consists of excerpts from a 40-page indictment in which the German Attorney-General accuses two former Nazis of having met friends around a beer table to conspire with them for the restoration of National Socialism in Germany in defiance of the Constitution.

## The Plot

YES, it is out at last. Here it is, the final product of the great investigation conducted first by the British then by the Germans into the alleged Nazi plot.

## The Talk

To foil it and safeguard the security of the British forces in Germany our own Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, in his then capacity of High Commissioner, arrested seven Germans in a dramatic midnight swoop on January 13 last year.

The British held the seven men incommunicado for weeks on end, then suddenly handed them over to the Germans, who promptly released them on bail. Only two of the seven are indicted. A certain Herr Bornemann and Dr Werner Naumann, former right-hand man for Goebbels and alleged political legates of Hitler.

## The Signature

WHAT mild stuff this beer-table talk indictment is! Nowhere does it live up to the blood-curdling indications given in the Foreign Office communiqué issued after the arrests last year.

Is somebody trying to hush things up? It looks very much like it to me. For at no point in the indictment...

BUT the most alarming note of all is contained in the radio talk by the Chancellor. First, he fulminated that Germany must have an army of her own and that she cannot be denied her rights by a mere handful of 100 French Communist deputies; then went out of his way to turn down an immediate Four-Power conference with the Russians.

"Such a conference," he said, "will either produce no result at all or it will lead to a conclusion very unfavourable to Germany."

I call that very plain speaking. What the man implies is that if such a Four-Power conference leads to an agreement between the Russians and the Western Powers it would (1) mean the end of the German military clique's ambition to revive a German Army; and (2) limit the ability of would-be Blumais like himself to build Germany once more into a dominant world Power.

Now the world's best hope today is precisely that West and East should agree to ban the revival of a German Army in both the East and the West zones.

The Russians have already declared their readiness to reduce the police army in their zone to proportions which would dispel Western fears of it. Such an agreement would then be made the basis for the withdrawal of both Russian and Western troops from the occupation of Germany. It would become the vehicle for the ultimate unification of a Germany unencumbered by foreign troops and dominated by its own people.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Experts Can Also Make Mistakes

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand, taken from a recent international match, will not fill you with admiration for either the bidding or the play. Both South and West made bad bids, but South had the last word because he also made a bad play.

East wasn't happy to bid one diamond on the first round, but he didn't relish the idea of passing one club with a singleton club. It was a choice of evils, and his choice cannot be severely criticized.

South's jump bid of two spades showed a strong hand, quite properly. (Some experts use a jump overall to show strength, while others use it to show a weak hand but a good suit. Both methods are quite playable.)

West should have retired discreetly from the auction after this show of strength by South. Instead, West put his head on the block by bidding three clubs. North appended himself a committee of one to welcome West's bid of three clubs. This he did by means of a prompt double.

South should have passed the double, of course, and West would have been set two or three tricks at his contract of

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♦	A K	♦ Q 8 4 3 2
♣	Q 10 8 6 2	♣ 3
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♥	K J	
♦	10 6 5	
♣	A	
Neither side vul.		
West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
2 ♠	Double	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ A		

three clubs. But South went on to three spades, foolishly enough, and the hand was played there.

West took the two top diamonds and shifted to the queen of clubs. South won the third trick with the ace of clubs, led a trump to dummy, and then completely disregarded the warning of the bidding by trying to cash the king of clubs.

South should have known that West had a six-card club suit, since he had rebid that suit at the nine-trick level.

Naturally enough, East ruffed the king of clubs, and South had to overruff. South could draw trumps, but eventually he had to lead away from his hearts, and thus lost two heart tricks in addition to three diamonds. The contract was therefore set one trick.

If South had realized the uselessness of trying to cash the king of clubs, he would have made his contract. On entering dummy with the king of spades, South should have led a heart from the dummy.

The normal finesse of the jack (West's bidding surely showed the ace of hearts, and the only chance is to play East for the queen) would give South a heart trick and his contract.

## CARD SENSE

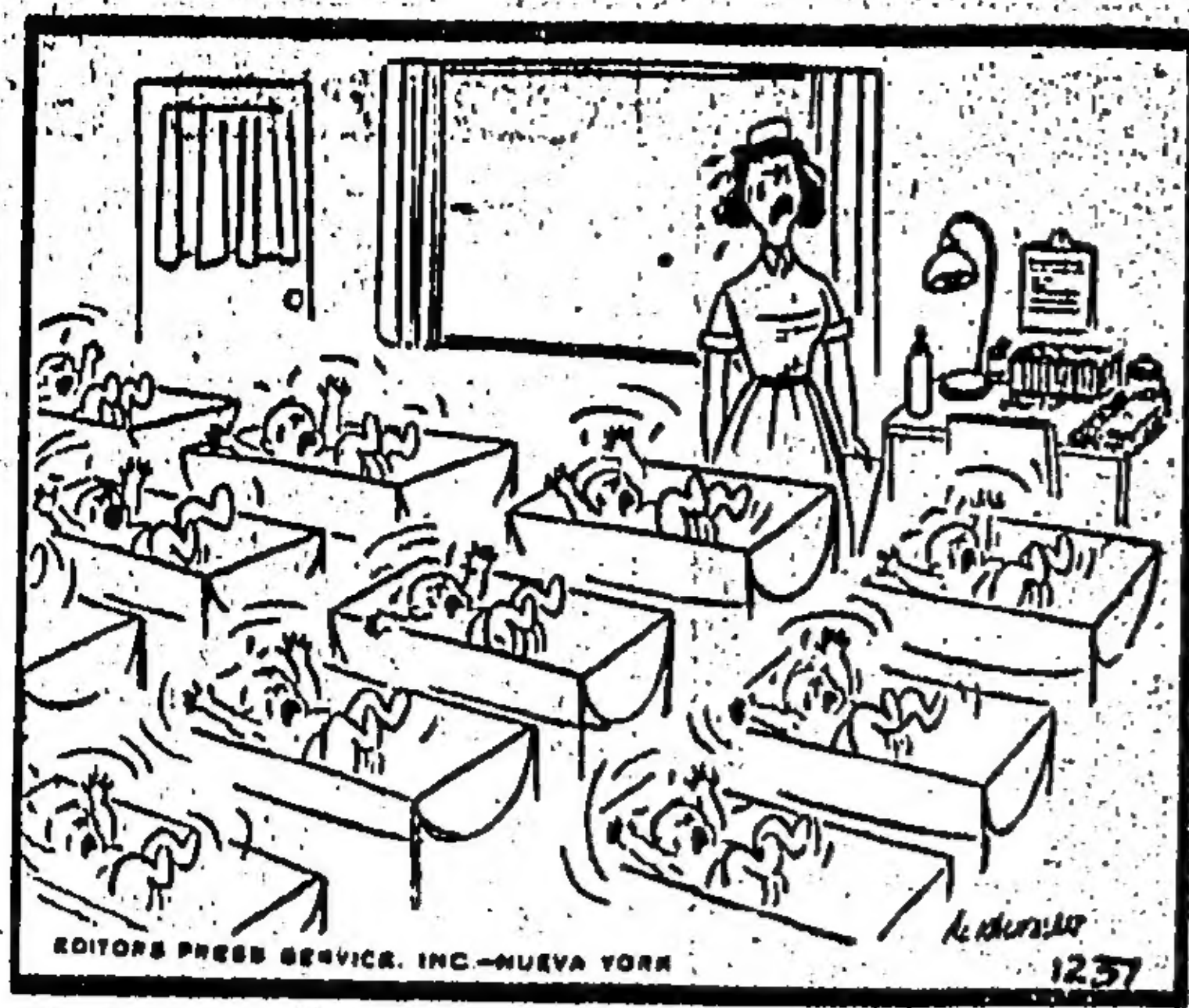
Q—The bidding has been: West North East South 1 Diamond Double Redbl. ? You, South, hold: Spades 5-3, Hearts K-Q-9-2, Diamonds 8-5-2, Clubs 7-5-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid one heart. The immediate action over the redouble shows either a five-card suit or some slight strength. If you pass, your partner may bid one spade and this will be a poor spot if he has a four-card suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-9-2, Hearts 5-3, Diamonds 8-5-2, Clubs 7-5-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## DUMB BELLS



## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

BORN today, you are fortunate. The stars were smiling broadly when you were born! Talents were infused upon you and you will have only yourself to blame if you do not find fame as well as fortune at an early age. You have a very forceful personality. A deceptively happy-go-lucky attitude makes your competitors think you are not really serious about anything, but when you appear the most easy-going, your brain is probably working overtime to figure out how to win!

You have a great deal of enthusiasm and, once you have set your heart on something, you never give up until you get it. The objective may be quite trivial but you are as deeply set on it as if it were of earth-shaking importance. Just one precaution: don't waste valuable energy on frivolities. Fond of travel, you like to be on the go most of the time. Sedentary

work would never appeal to you and, if you are thrust into a desk job, you will have to take time off periodically to let off steam.

You have an ardent love nature but there will probably be only one real love in your life. Attractive to and attracted by the opposite sex, you should wed young for the greatest happiness.

Among those born on this date are: James Fenimore Cooper and Robert Benchley, authors; William Howard Taft, 27th U.S. President; Bruno Walter, orchestra conductor; Richard Olney, American statesman; Porfirio Diaz, Mexican statesman; and Horatio W. Parker, composer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Things should go well on the job, but be careful at home. Accidents could be caused by haste.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Your enthusiasm will be high, but your timing today may be poor, your ideas unworkable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Make this an energetic day and get a lot of work accomplished. You can combat apparent limitations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Your ambitions should not put you well on the road to success. Just don't work so fast that you make mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Take one step at a time if you

want to get the most out of a generally favourable day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Work hard today at your regular job and you will find the rewards are worthwhile. Be conservative, though.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You can expand your horizon and add to your leisure activities if you are outspoken in your dealings.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Not the best day, but if you plan things carefully, you will accomplish your designs.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't get involved in other people's problems. You may have enough of your own just now. Concentrate on them.

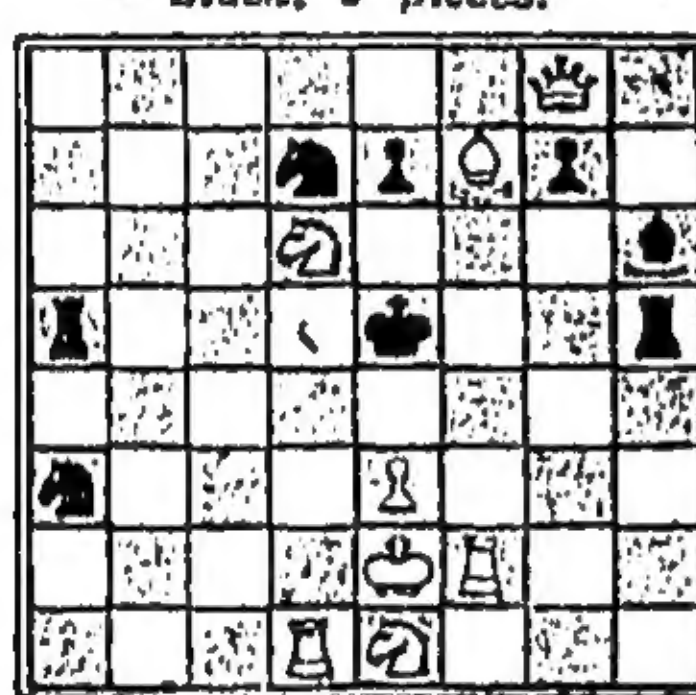
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be sure that you are not hoodwinked by some get-rich-quick scheme today. Investigate all opportunities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—This is not your day for romance. Be very polite, tactful and make concessions to keep the peace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—A neutral day, so lie low until some minor clouds have passed over. Don't push against adverse opinion just now.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By V. SAVENKO  
Black, 3 pieces.

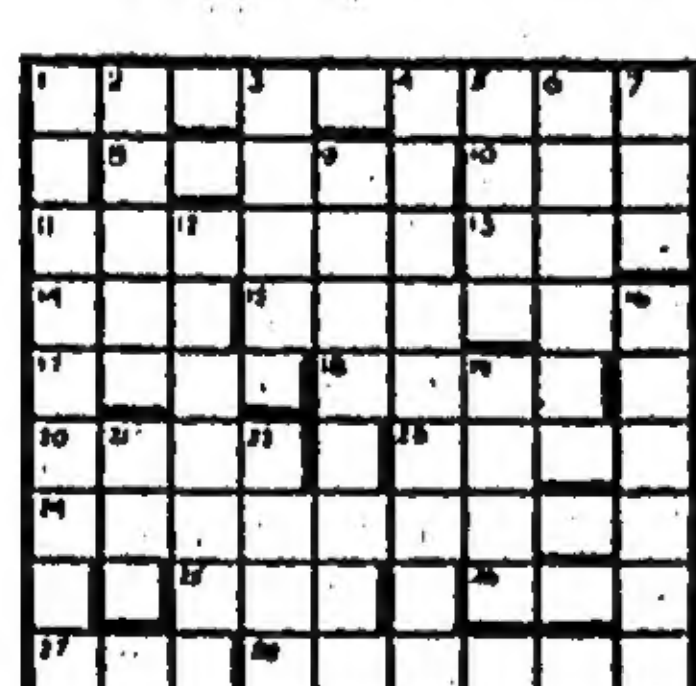


White, 8 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K6, any; 2. Q or Kt (dis ch, or dbl ch) mates.

## CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Duffer not turns out to be something quite different. (9)
  2. It protects the roots. (5)
  3. Often makes an appearance after time. (3)
  4. Three-quarters of four in the. (4)
  5. Strangled one comes into many dramatic scenes. (8)
  6. Famous one is in the possession of a Down. (3)
  7. Just right for a notable cruise? (6)
  8. Tangents without human help. (4)
  9. Panto star to boot! (4)
  10. Weddings without a sound from the bell. (4)
  11. Turn a tor for a list. (6)
  12. Iona meant an anagram. (9)
  13. A devotee. (5)
  14. The ship's one should perhaps be kept in its own cabin. (3)
  15. Watch this and you'll get the bird. (3)
  16. A horse for a toddler. (3-5)

Down

1. Middleman. (9)
2. This is the end. (5)
3. Find a pound in the fog. (5)
4. The road of a Solomon. (5)
5. It's settled, sometimes in argument. (4)
6. The corner of 14 Across. (6)
7. Mr. Roy. (3)
8. Soundly as if the groom's too has come along to do with potatoes. (4)
9. A sweet and dotting insect. (6)
10. All this is heard. (5)
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# WOMANSENSE

## The H-Line Hair Style



Following the introduction of the new H-Line in Christian Dior's 1954 Autumn fashions, a Mayfair hair stylist has now created a special H-line hair style to be worn with this "new look". The short fair hair of the model is brushed into a whirlpool fringe in front and the back swirls anti-clockwise. The black velvet ti on the side completes a H motif.—Express Photo.

## Irish Lovers Prefer To Stay Bachelors

By EILEEN ASCROFT

London: HOW good a husband is an Irishman?

There's no doubt about the standing of the Irish colleen. She is acclaimed the world over as the most attractive example of her sex.

Irish export beauties include Ann Gunning, who modelled for a French fashion magazine with Princess Margaret's friend, Colin Tennant, as her picture escort.

Another colleen, who took America by storm, is Dublin dress-designer Sybil Connolly. As beautiful as her own mannequins she combines infectious gaiety with a soft, lilting brogue that effectively soothes young men when she keeps them waiting for her an hour or more.

Pin-up of the Tory benches in the House of Commons in another woman from Ireland, Mrs Patricia Ford, who sits for County Down North and lives in a rambling old house beside the Irish Sea.

The stage has seen many lovely women from Ireland. In Hollywood Maureen O'Sullivan is the living proof that Irish beauty may be ethereal; but it also lasts. Seven children and 16 films have not spoiled the slim, girlish figure or the gay, angelic face.

## Bad risk

But the Irishman is a bad marriage risk. A book about Ireland and its

people published recently reveals him to be a backward suitor and an unsatisfactory husband.

"Marriage is for meekens... that's what about 80 percent of Irishmen seem to believe," writes Mary Frances Keating in this fascinating revelation of Irish character, to which 15 authors with Irish connections have contributed.

"The Irishman as a lover is famous," says Miss Keating. "Gay, light-hearted, tender and generous, he can make the girl in whom he is 'interested' feel like a queen."

But let the girl get serious, and he will do a disappearing act as neat as anything on the stage.

Even if she is smart enough to lead him to the altar, he will disappoint her afterwards for he hates responsibility and control.

"He will neglect her," prophesies Miss Keating gloomily, "returning to his men friends at the 'pub,' backing horses, and refusing to enter into any real companionship."

## Warning

Another contributor, Arland Usher, supports this view.

"The 'home' represents to him what his instinctive idealism fears and wants to forget. Irishmen do not treat women coarsely or brutally. They simply try to ignore and forget them."

Patrick B. Noonan suggests that they remain bachelors so long that they become loath to surrender their freedom. "The average man," he writes, "does not regard the prospects of matrimony seriously until he has reached his thirties."

Here is another warning for girls who have fallen under an Irish spell. It comes from author Paul Vincent Carroll. "If he can't possibly avoid it, he will do so only at an age when the blood runs cooler and he requires the comfort of a nurse and housekeeper."

Writer Shane Leslie blames the Irish climate and its soft, relaxing atmosphere, which favours celibacy. "The passionate crimes of Latin countries are quite unknown."

## He's gay

Sadly disillusioned about the Irish male, whom I have always privately regarded as the gayest and most entertaining companion I want looking for some attractive Irish husbands.

And here are a few examples of attentive Irish husbands with happy families.

Recherché owner FRANK MORE O'FERRALL, who married Lady Cowry's sister and has two charming daughters.

LORD DUNRAVEN, whose family is one of the few in the Irish peerage of purely Celtic descent. One daughter was a debutante in 1863, the other, Lady Caroline Wyndham-Quinn, was presented this year.

Actor DERMOT WALSH, who lives in a Sussex timbered cottage with his actress wife, Hazel Court, and baby daughter Sally Mary Jane.

Here is one girl who finds an Irish husband wonderful.

Hazel told me: "You're never bored with an Irishman round the house. He's gay, unpredictable, and he can always charm me out of a bad humour. We are good companions and love to share our leisure. He's very useful in the house, too, and clever with the baby. He adores her, but not much stricter than me."

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Dried out grease in your oven may be easily softened by placing a piece of rag in a saucer containing ammonia in the oven overnight.

When washing black materials, dip them in salt water first to prevent running.

When washing taffeta, add half a teaspoon of borax to the

last rinsing water. The borax will stiffen the taffeta and when ironed the material will look like new.

Remove apple stains on the hands by rubbing over a small piece of green tomato.

Dip a new broom or brush into hot salt water before using.

This not only toughens the bristles but also prevents them from falling out.

A pinch of curry powder added to mashed potatoes improves the flavour.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### A Good Look at the Moon

—The Shadows Saw It Through a Telescope—

By MAX TRELL

HIWATHA the little Indian boy came up to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, and exclaimed in great excitement: "The old man who lives in the house at the end of the street is dragging a big cannon out into the garden. I think he's going to shoot the moon down."

Both Knarf and Hanid thought this was very strange.

### Attacking the Moon

"You mean the Professor is going to do that?" asked Hanid. "That's what it looks like," said Hiawatha. "I just saw him. He was aiming the cannon right at the moon. He was looking right through it."

Knarf and Hanid went to see for themselves. For they found it impossible to believe that Hiawatha could be right. They were quite sure he didn't mean to tell them a fib. "It's just that you don't understand, dear," Hanid said to the little Indian boy, as they all hurried along the street.

Soon they reached the hedge that enclosed the garden in which the Professor was supposed to be aiming the "cannon" at the moon. They pushed aside the leaves and looked through.

"There, you see," said Hiawatha. "It's just as I said. He's aiming a cannon at the moon."

And Hiawatha stood with his fingers in his ears, as though he were expecting at any moment to hear the blast of the Professor's "cannon."

### Benevolent Cannon

"It's not a cannon at all!" Knarf said. "It's a telescope."

"What?" said Hiawatha, with his fingers still in his ears.

Knarf and Hanid pulled their hands away from their ears. Then they explained to him that what he thought was a cannon was really a telescope.

"It's for looking at the moon and the stars," said Knarf.

Hiawatha said, "I couldn't understand why anyone would

look at the stars and the moon through a telescope when they could be seen very plainly just as they were by just looking at them with your eyes.

Hanid said: "The telescope is like a magnifying glass, Hiawatha. It makes things look bigger."

"But the moon is big enough!" said Hiawatha.

"Yes," said Hanid, "but if you look through a telescope, you can see the hills and the mountains and the valleys and even the enormous oceans on the moon. It's as though you were right close to it."

It was at this point that the Professor, hearing the sound of voices, looked behind the hedge and discovered Knarf and Hanid and Hiawatha. He was a very pleasant man and when he heard that neither Hiawatha nor Knarf had ever looked through a telescope in his whole life (Hanid had once taken a quick look through a very small telescope), he insisted that they all come into his garden and look through the telescope as long as they pleased.

### Viewing the Firmament

"It's a wonderful show," he said.



The Professor left his telescope to look behind the hedge.

First they looked at the moon and did indeed see the hills and mountains and valleys and oceans and volcanoes.

Then they looked at the planet Jupiter and saw it with all its tiny little moons.

Then they looked at the planet Saturn and saw its wonderful rings.

Then they looked at the Milky Way.

Then the Professor looked at his watch and thought it was high time they were all in bed. So Knarf and Hanid and Hiawatha ran all the way home and went to bed.

## Rupert and Niagara—6



Reading school at length, the little girl found that they are indeed late. "Oh, please, sir," says Rupert breathlessly, "I found Gregory on his way but don't think the quiet, knowing, rules, you know, at last, he was could, and, I'm sorry, we're late!" The master took a very

"I'm seeing that, sir," the boy I won't punish him, or you, he says, "and Gregory had better sit beside you today, so that you can help him." So they go into class and take their places. "Why, you're going to be late after lunch," says the master, "why are you late?" "I'm sorry, we're late!" the master took a very

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## Colony Ladies' Tennis Championships

# IT'S A CASE OF THE OLD FAMILIAR FACES IN THE QUARTER-FINALS

With the quarter-finals of the Colony Ladies' Singles Championship finished at the L.R.C. last evening this event begins to assume an aspect strongly reminiscent of that song about the old (figuratively speaking, of course, on account of it's a ladies' tournament) familiar faces.

However, there is a little imp in every tournament follower which makes him hope for the outsider to come bursting through, no matter whether it is in horse-racing where many people have a financial interest in the long shot, or in tennis, where, we hope, betting is not universal.

Anyway, last evening, in the majority of the ties it was the favourites who came through and we must wait for the semi-finals to see if there is a giant-killer in the Colony this year.

The match between Mrs. K. H. Ip and Mrs. M. Pepperall on the sand court finished at 6/2, 6/2 in favour of Mrs. Ip who, despite a brilliant struggle by her opponent, used her tournament experience and, we

suspect, the practice which she gets against her husband and the other South China stars, to good effect.

Behind the stands Mrs. M. Chow beat Mrs. G. D. Malden with the loss of one less game 6/2, 6/1. Mrs. Malden started well and was swapping blow for blow but then she seemed to lose confidence, started running round her backhand shots and it was, from then on, all Mrs. Chow.

Miss A. Philip beat Mrs. A. C. Thompson quite comfortably and Miss G. Lo crumpled badly after losing the first set to Mrs. P. Eyles 6/4 and never collected another game. In the semi-finals which (fingers crossed) are due to be played on Friday September 17, Mrs. Ip meets Miss Philip and this should produce a really good match and, as both players have to fight out a couple of quarter-finals matches between now and then, and have approximately equal playing and tournament experience, it might well be the clinician factor that decides it.

In the lower half of the draw Mrs. Eyles will find Mrs. Chow, to put it mildly, a great deal stronger than anyone she has yet played in this year's tournament but it may well be that Mrs. Chow also will find Mrs. Eyles a lot more difficult than the player she beat rather too easily last year.

### NEW COURTS

The L.R.C. opened their three new courts last evening and, wisely, tried them out with some fairly gentle Club Championship events. Reports are that the courts (on top of the former open service reservoir by the Albany Filler Beds) played beautifully, and that when the Club completes the project with the screening by growing creepers, of the stop-netting on the north-western side, they will be well-nigh perfect.

It was appropriate that Mrs. H. M. Prophet, the Club's indefatigable President, should have played in the opening series of matches on these courts and, as there was no evidence of her opponents having tried to be tactful, it was even more appropriate that she and Mrs. Carstairs should have won their L.R.C. Ladies' Doubles tie against Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Crofton.

On one of the other two new courts Mrs. K. M. Getz won in three sets against J. Haalbos and Mrs. V. M. Hill while on the third there was a family affair between Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Cheetham and Mr. & Mrs. H. Lubeceder.

This also went to three sets in favour of the Cheethams and all the players must have wished, as they struggled up the many steps leading to the Club House, that the L.R.C. could have as its annual source of the Jockey Club's funds for just long enough to install an escalator.

In the only L.R.C. Men's Doubles tie played last evening E. Zulfat & Dr. G. R. Smart used the teamwork which they have developed by playing together in the Men's 'A' League

to overcome the potentially powerful combination of M. W. H. Calvert and F. C. Stuckey, while, tucked away on Court 7, Sally Saul noted that the Court and not the sloping was the place for the ball to land so that he was able to advance one stage in the Men's Singles at the expense of P. V. Shawe.

And so to the quarter-finals of the Colony Ladies' Doubles this evening which should give us at least three very close games and, maybe, a surprise result or two, or three.

### THE RESULTS

The following were the results:

#### Colony Ladies' Singles

Mrs. P. Eyles beat Miss G. Lo 6-4, 6-0.

Mrs. M. Chow beat Mrs. G. D. Malden 6-2, 6-1.

Mrs. K. H. Ip beat Mrs. M. Pepperall 6-2, 6-2.

Miss A. Philip beat Mrs. A. C. Thompson 6-1, 6-2.

Club Men's Singles

S. Saul beat P. V. Shawe 6-3, 6-1.

Club Ladies' Doubles

Mrs. Prophet and Mrs. Carstairs beat Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Crofton 6-2, 6-0.

Club Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. Getz beat Mr. Haalbos and Mrs. Hill 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheetham beat Mr. and Mrs. Lubeceder 4-6, 9-7, 6-4.

### TOMORROW'S MATCHES

The following are the games in the L.R.C. Tennis Tournament to be played tomorrow: Colony Mixed Doubles Championship—(Quarter Finals) H. H. Hooper & Miss A. Philip v. T. Lee & Mrs. P. Eyles (Court 3); E. Tsal & Mrs. M. Chow v. Dr. S. N. To & Mrs. A. Choy (Court 4); Mr. & Mrs. K. H. Ip v. F. de M. Ribeiro & Mrs. M. Ramchand (Court 5); L. B. Choy & Mrs. G. Lo v. L. B. Choy & Mrs. G. Lo v. L. B. Choy & Mrs. G. Lo (Court 6).

L.R.C. Ladies' Singles Championship—Mrs. G. D. Malden v. Mrs. D. Madgett (Court 6); L.R.C. Men's Singles Handicap—G. M. Peckler v. B. Beckmeyer (Court 2); C. G. Hobbs v. J. Riviere (Court 7).

L.R.C. Ladies' Doubles Handicap—Mrs. C. R. Getz & Miss J. Camerwall v. Mrs. A. Beckmeyer & Mrs. I. Sordeman (Court 9); Mrs. A. I. Harrison & Mrs. Osborne v. Miss J. Lawrence & Miss E. Hoar (Court 10).

L.R.C. Mixed Doubles Handicap—Mr. & Mrs. J. Crofton v. Dr. R. & Mrs. Proulx (Court 11).

### FRIDAY

Colony Ladies' Singles Championship—(Semi-finals)—Mrs. M. Chow v. Mrs. P. Eyles (Court 3); Mrs. K. H. Ip v. Miss A. Philip (Court 4).

Colony Ladies' Plate—Mrs. M. Pepperall v. Miss D. Madgett (Court 2); Mrs. M. Finch v. Mrs. A. C. Thompson (Court 5); Miss G. Lo v. Mrs. G. D. Malden (Court 6); Miss J. Lambooy v. Mrs. M. Ramchand (Court 8).

L.R.C. Men's Singles Championship—W. H. Williams v. H. Hecan (Court 7).

L.R.C. Mixed Doubles Championship—W. O. Mr & Mrs J. Crofton/Dr. J. Grey & Mrs. Osborne v. Mr & Mrs. D. L. Prophet (Court 9).

L.R.C. Mixed Doubles Handicap—Mr & Mrs G. P. Norton v. H. E. Alers & Miss J. M. Teed (Court 10); H. Paunzen & Mrs. A. Gottfried v. Mr & Mrs. A. D. Scholtes (Court 11).

### SATURDAY

L.R.C. Men's Doubles Championship—P. H. Simon & J. G. Leno v. H. E. Egerberger & H. Hecan (Court 3); B. W. Wheeler & C. G. Hobbs v. C. P. Norton & H. E. Alers (Court 5); S. Saul & W. L. Griffiths v. J. Riviere & J. Haalbos (Court 6).

L.R.C. Mixed Doubles Championship—M. W. H. Calvert & Mrs. A. D. Kite v. R. W. Wheeler & Mrs. A. I. Harrison (Court 9); Dr. S. N. To & Mrs. A. Choy v. Dr. S. N. To & Mrs. A. Choy (Court 10); E. Tsal & Mrs. M. Chow v. Dr. S. N. To & Mrs. A. Choy (Court 11).

## Vain Efforts



Both the goalkeeper's effort in staving off the goal and that of Leeds United's centre-forward J. Vickers in scoring the goal were in vain during the FA league match between Leeds United and Lincoln. Lincoln won by 3-2.

## Super-Fitness Is The Only Key To Football Success

### Says STANLEY MATTHEWS

When Germany won the World Cup it was with the old British style of football. We must bring back that style, and the young players, develop them in the right way and speed up the game.

We could get back on top if every one—players and officials—got down to the task immediately. It can't be done in a day, a week, or even a year. . . . it could take at least five years. But it can be done.

Fitness—it's a fetish with me—is the only key to football success, just as it is the key to everything in sport. Unless you can maintain perfect fitness you might just as well give up the game.

The Continental style of play looks much quicker than ours because their men are quick.

## Sullivan Wins British, Empire Boxing Titles

London, Sept. 14. Johnny Sullivan of Preston, Lancashire, won the vacant British and Empire Middleweight titles when he knocked out Gordon Hazell of Bristol in the first round of their contest at Harringay arena here tonight.

Sullivan, a product of the boxing booth, took only two minutes and 22 seconds to dispose of Hazell and win the titles previously held by Randolph Turpin.

He showed much promise during his brief appearance. After scoring with some stiff shapely left hooks to the body, Sullivan put over a perfect short right to the jaw.

It was a beautiful punch—the perfect knock-out. It travelled only a few inches and Hazell "looked the force."

Sullivan, whose real name is Houdart, took his ring name after the famous boxer, John L. Sullivan, an idol of the new champion's father.—Reuter.

## HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Sept. 14. Association football results:

League Division I Arsenal 2 Manchester C. 3

League Division III (Southern) Bristol C. 4 Colchester U. 0

League Division III (Northern) Carlisle U. 3 Bradford 2

Transmere R. 0 Chesterfield 0 —Reuter.

## Upsets At Women's National Amateur Golf Tourney

Sewickley, Pennsylvania, Sept. 14.

Defending champion Mary Lena Faulk powered her way past two rivals in the 54th annual women's national amateur golf tournament today, while British, Belgian and Scottish champions fell by the wayside in a day for upsets.

Miss Faulk hammered out an impressive 7 and 5 victory over Mrs. Sam Damon, Honolulu, in one of the day's nine second-round matches. She then went on to edge Miss Gracia Leone, U.S., in the third round of the gruelling six-day match play event at Allegheny Country Club.

The top upset of the day was staged by little known Virginia Denny of Lake Forest, Illinois, who eliminated British champion Frances Stephens one-up on the 18th hole of their third round match.—United Press.

## Charles Gets Fourth Try To Regain Heavyweight Crown

New York, Sept. 15.

Sluggish Rocky Marciano will risk his heavyweight crown and perfect record again tonight (Wednesday), if weather permits, in a return fight with slickster Ezzard Charles, the first man ever given three chances to recapture the heavy title.

Although occasional showers are forecast for today, the Weather Bureau predicted "cloudy but dry" for fight time at 2:30 a.m. GMT Thursday. In case of rain the bout will be postponed to Thursday night.

Promoter Jim Norris hoped for another \$500,000 gate at Yankee Stadium, where Marciano and Charles met in a thrilling battle on June 17.

As the fighters came into the city today from their training camps in the New York Catskills, 30-year-old Rocky was favoured for his fourth defence at 6-1 over 33-year-old Ezzard. Before their first 15-rounder in June, the champ was the choice at 3 1/2 to one.

Rocky, the swarthy, brawny son of a former Brooklyn shonemaker, seeks his 47th straight professional victory and his 41st knockout.

The heavy division's first perfect-record champion won a unanimous 15-round decision over the streamlined Cincinnati Negro in June, but Charles claimed that a ninth-round blow in the throat nearly throttled him and caused his defeat.

"I repeat, I'm going to fight him and win, if possible by a knockout."

By Rocky Marciano: "I really believe I have trained harder for this fight than for any of my previous ones. Maybe not harder but more carefully. My manager, Al Weill, and trainer Charley Goldman have left nothing to chance. If I fail I will not be from lack of effort. I like the title and mean to keep it."

"It should be a good fight to watch. Both of us are ready and well prepared. I wish I were walking into the ring right now. I want to get it over with."—United Press.

## MERCILESS BEATING

Charles, who held the title from June, 1949, to July, 1951, suffered a merciless beating in the closing rounds. The crowd of 47,585, who paid \$548,092 marvelled that the game ex-champ could remain on his feet while his face was being battered.

Only six of the 17 men who wore the heavyweight crown—between John L. Sullivan and Marciano—made successful fourth defences. They were Jim Jeffries, Tommy Burns, Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis and Charles. But neither Sullivan nor any of the 17 that followed him ever regained the title after losing it or giving it up. Eight tried it. They were Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Louis, Max Baer, Max Schmeling, Ezzard Charles and Charles. Corbett tried to recapture it twice. Charles is the first to get three chances. He tried previously to get it back from Walcott and from Rocky.—United Press.

## PRE-BATTLE WORDS

Here are the pre-battle statements of champion Rocky Marciano and challenger Ezzard Charles: "I'm in excellent condition and confident I will win. I have trained hard and faithfully for the last six weeks. I'm prepared to go 15 rounds if I have to, but I think I have a good chance to win by a knockout. I proved that Rocky Marciano could be hurt in the last fight, when I banged him and cut his eye in the fourth round."

"I was cautious and did not press my advantage. You can be sure I will this time, and if I win, I will be a champion."—United Press.

## Official Opening For Softball On Sunday

The Hongkong Softball Association have arranged the official opening of the 1954/55 season for Sunday, September 26, at King's Park.

As in previous years, the ceremony will be colourful and musical. A band supplied by the Municipal Police will head the parade of teams. The teams in their order will be Senior "A" teams, Senior "B" teams, Junior teams and Ladies' teams.

Two exhibition matches featuring the dream of softball talent in the Colony will be played. In the first game at 2:30 p.m., Portugal, winners of the Ladies' International, will face the Rest, while at 4 p.m., Mark Kwong's all-star Chinese squad will face Junkoo Hussain and Ed. Carvalha's Rest team.

## HKFA Coaching Classes Begin On Sept. 17

Final arrangements have now been made for the running of coaching classes for sportsmasters and teachers interested in soccer.

These lessons will be held every Friday afternoon, from Sept. 17, at the Hongkong Football Association's Council Room, Sports Road, Happy Valley, from 4 to 5 p.m. (The centre of the South wing of the Hongkong Football Club Stadium).

All sportsmasters who have already submitted their names for this coaching scheme and any others who have not yet done so are requested to turn up on time on Friday at the venue above mentioned.

The coaching scheme for schoolboys which has been in operation for the past few months is suspended until further notice.

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## THE WORLD'S BEST TENNIS SHOT-MAKERS

Forest Hills, N.Y., Sept. 14.

Mercer Bossley, 30 years a top tennis coach, rates the world's best shot-makers on their best shots:

Flat Forehand Drive—Down the line or cross court, it's a southpaw Drobny of Egypt, the new Wimbledon champ, Budge Patty is runner-up.

Top-spin forehand drive—Vic Seixas of Philadelphia, former employer of Spina in the game today, can mix deep shots with sharply angled quickies just out of reach of a net-rusher.

Forehand chop—Gardner Mulloy of Miami, who uses it as a change of pace on approach shots into the net, keeping the ball low. Runner-up is Art Larsen of San Leandro, California, who learned it from Mulloy in countless duels.

Forehand drive volley—Lew Hoad of Australia, who hits a blaster with no comeback anytime he gets within reaching distance of a shoulder-high ball. Runner-up, Tony Trabert of Cincinnati.

Stop volley—Seixas. His ball drops dead with little bounce. Second best is little Rosewall of Australia.

Backhand chop—Mulloy on defence and Trabert on offence. Trabert uses his as a surprise stroke, like a quick kick in football.

Backhand flat drive—Rosewall, who has perfect anticipation and makes it look easy.

Backhand top spin drive—Trabert. It is a treacherous, pounding shoulder-high ball off his backhand side. He often uses it on return of service, forcing the server into errors.

Runner-up is Hoad with Rex Hwang of Australia third.

Backhand chop—Seixas. He plays it on the rise and can make the ball bounce to the right or left at will.

Backhand half volley—Seixas again. Often uses it on a daring trip to the net. Hoad is second, Trabert third and Rosewall fourth.

Backhand drive volley—Trabert, Drobny, Rosewall.

Backhand stop volley—Seixas has the best when it's working. Hoad, Kur Helson of Denmark and Patty are experts too.

Backhand lob—Mulloy is the best at this. He can play it so easy you can't tell when he is going to hit one, swinging with the same motion as his drive until the very last second. Trabert and Rosewall do it well, though not quite as well as Gardner.

Best average of first serves in court—Trabert, Hoad.

Most powerful serve—Hoad, by a good margin.

Hardest worker—Drobny.

"And without hard work," said Beasley, "you can't hope to match any of the best shots of the world's best shotmaker."

United Press.

## Eastman, Simpson Score Big Win In Open Pairs

A. L. G. Eastman and W. C. Simpson of Kowloon Bowling Green Club became the last pair to qualify for the semi-final of the Colony Pairs bowls Championship when they over-whelmed the KCC combination of J. N. Wong and W. Hong Sling at Reccelo yesterday by 34-12.

Both Eastman and Simpson played superb bowls throughout and literally walked away with the game.

The remaining singles quarter-final match between G. C. Norman and G. Gutierrez will be played off this afternoon at the KCC green.

The semi-final draws of the singles and pairs will be held this evening at a meeting of the Management Committee of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association.

## Soviet Union Regains Lead In Int'l Chess

Amsterdam, Holland, Sept. 14.

The Soviet Union recaptured the lead of the end of the second round of the finals of the International Chess Tournament here today, and Canada remained on top in the consolation group.

With only one match—the Benl, Austria, versus A. Nielsen, Denmark, closed—readjournal, general standings were:

Finals: 1. Soviet Union, 7 points; 2. Yugoslavia, 4 points; 3. Argentina, 3 points; 4. Holland, 2 points; 5. Czechoslovakia, 1 point; 6. Hungary, 0 points; 7. 8 and 10. Britain, Bulgaria and Iceland, three points; 11. Sweden, two points; 12. West Germany, 11 points; 13. United States, 11 points.

## SPORTS SURVEY



## Army Lead In Colony Small Bore League

The first round of the 1954/55 monthly Small Bore League Match of the Hongkong Rifle Association was fired off at the Hongkong Gun Club last Sunday, September 12. The shooting on the whole was below average although some good individual scores were obtained. William K. Y. Eu, shooting for the Hongkong Police Reserve, made two possibilities, turning in two Cards of 100 points each, whilst E. M. Rosario of R.H.K.D.F. returned one Card of 100 points. As predicted, Army "A" made the highest Team Score and thus won 2 points for their Team. The Hongkong Police Team was short of one man, but in spite of this, obtained 939 points and was placed last in the order of merit. If they had a full team, they would easily have beaten their opponent, the Hongkong Special Constabulary whose score was 1,029.

### RESULTS

Army "A"—Gardner 198; Brewer 197; James 190; Morgan 190; Hancock 191; White 190. Total 1,168.

Royal Air Force—Lowe 197; Greenwood 197; Bibby 190; Baldwin 190; Subbings 186; Whitaker 183. Total 1,143.

R.H.K.D.F. "A"—Souza 198; Rosario 198; Remedios 197; Costa 187; Hyndman 182; Pereira 180. Total 1,141.

H.K.G.C.—Malcolm Wong 190; David Wong 186; Lena Young 184; Magdalene Lau 181; Wong Bor 181; C. K. Wong 168. Total 1,136.

Royal Navy—Jenkinson 184; Harris 182; Solomon 188; Beal 168; Maldstone 180; Neale 181. Total 1,120.

H.K.P. Reserve—Wm. Eu 200; K. C. Ho 185; Martin Wong 188; R. Young 185; F. W. Ho 180; S. K. Shiu 180. Total 1,120.

Army "B"—Lecoe 190; Williams 189; Harding 188; Reeves 185; Li Choi 181; Stephens 177. Total 1,110.

R.H.K.D.F. "B"—Gutierrez 191; Lemay 186; Jones 188; Golevsky 174; A. A. Noronha 169; C. A. Noronha 167. Total 1,073.

H.K.P. (S.C.)—Stevens 189; Gibbons 181; Sadtick 180; Balcor 179; Soares 169; W. K. Ng 141. Total 1,029.

H.K. Police—Kaporovich 197; K. F. Wong 191; W. Gillies 188; Russell 183; C. C. Chan 180. Total 959.

## Kramer's Pi Tour Finalised

Manila, Sept. 14.

Arrangement for a visit here by Jack Kramer and his professional tennis entourage is being completed in New York by the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation (PAAF).

Vice-President Manuel Elizalde, it was reliably learned last night.

Mr. Elizalde, in a wire to PAAF, said that he and Kramer already agreed on the terms and conditions of the trip and the only hitch remaining was the dates of the series of games.

Kramer's trip here will add impetus to the forthcoming tennis boom here with the projected visit by the Swedish Davis Cup team in December.

The visit of such top-ranking world tennis professionals and amateurs is expected to prepare the Philippine team for its challenge for the Davis Cup next year.—France-Press.

## Referees' Meeting

Mr. J. A. Kerney presided when Hongkong's football referees held their monthly meeting at the NAAAF Club, Kowloon. Two changes to the rules of the game were brought to the notice of the referees, in addition to Law 9 and an amendment to Law 12.

There was quite a lively discussion on the laws of the game with some tricky points being brought up.

## An Iraqi Lad Joins The Bristol Rovers By ALL-ROUNDER

Thanks to a group of Royal Air Force officers serving at Habbaniyah, in Iraq, a nineteen-year-old Iraqi footballer has joined English League Second Division club Bristol Rovers for a long trial period.

He is Youna Ashaya, a clerk employed on the permanent staff at Habbaniyah and the star inside-forward of the Station soccer XI for several years.

F/Lt. Weston, a Briton employed on ferrying aircraft between Britain and the Middle East, and an ardent Rovers fan, wrote glowingly to Manager Bert Tann of the lad's possibilities.

Mr. Tann answered that it was not the club's policy to employ foreigners on their playing staff, but the Station officers clubbed together to pay his fare and his expenses in England, and the club eventually agreed to put him through his paces. Youna has now arrived at the Bristol ground where he will work in the office and train with the rest of the staff. It is the first time he has left his native country.

LEEDS PRESENTATION TO LEWIS JONES.—An inscribed gold watch was presented by the Leeds Rugby League club to Lewis Jones, their great Welsh and Great Britain back, to mark his feat of scoring a record 278 points during the tour of Australia and New Zealand.

## THROTTLES IN BRUSSELS CHARITY FESTIVAL

Along with three of the best club teams in Europe, West Bromwich Albion are to take part in a soccer charity festival in Brussels on Wednesday, October 13.

Invitations have also been extended to Honved, the Budapest side whom Wolverhampton Wanderers hope to bring to Molineux for a floodlit match this winter, and Austria F.C., one of the best Belgian teams.

The Belgians will be represented by Anderlecht, against whom Albion will play during the afternoon. The two Central European teams will meet the same evening under floodlights.

## RUMANIAN RUGBY PLAYERS GIVE SWANSEA A SHOCK

The Locomotive Club of Bucharest have sprung a major sensation in rugby union circles by beating Swansea, one of the leading Welsh clubs, and who fielded six Welsh Internationals, by 23 points to twelve before a crowd of 50,000 in Bucharest.

It was the first time a British rugby team had played behind the Iron Curtain. Locomotive, one of Rumania's strongest sides, who carried off the World's Youth Festival tournament last year, were faster than the Welshmen and ran up 14 points without reply before the interval.

They possess a real flyer on the wing in Ghizulov, who scored three tries. The game was played under a blazing sun, and the Swansea players were affected by the heat and handicapped by the loss of full-back Terry Davies and wing three-quarter Horace Phillips through injury.

The tourists gave a better account of themselves in the second match, when they beat the constructional Club by 16 points to five.

## Canavarro Wins Macao Title

Macao, Sept. 15.

Arthur Canavarro yesterday captured the Macao lawn tennis championship when he beat last year's champion, Humberto Rodriguez, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Canavarro avenged his defeat last year in the finals of the same championship, when he was beaten by Rodriguez.

The new champion hardly missed a shot and committed only a few errors in an almost faultless game.

Rodriguez, however, was not in his old form. He was erratic and often caught out of position.

## NEW SHOT-PUT RECORD CLAIMED

Moscow, Sept. 14.

Moscow Radio claimed today that Galina Zybia today beat her own world shot-put record with a throw of 16.35 metres.

Competing in the Soviet athletic championships at Khabarovsk, Zybia had thrown 16.30 metres when she was beaten by a throw of 16.35 metres.

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The top spot on the parade this week is reserved for an important appeal. The Army Rugby Association requires referees to take charge of inter-unit and inter-formation games during the incoming season.

There is certain to be a heavy list of engagements and the Secretary of the Rugby Association will be glad to hear from qualified and experienced officials. Names of those willing to offer their services should be forwarded to Major R. J. P. Blyth, RAMC, c/o Medical Branch, HQLF (Tel. 34121 Ex. 325).

The Hongkong Army Football Referees Association is holding its second examination for potential referees at the Education Centre in Victoria Barracks on Saturday, September 18, at 8.30 a.m.

It is pointed out that although this is being sponsored by the Army Referees Association members of the other Services and interested civilians who feel that they have the necessary knowledge are welcome to present themselves for examination.

Candidates are asked to report to the Guard Room at the East entrance to Victoria Barracks for further directions to the examination centre. It is expected that with the season only a couple of weeks away, there will be a big turnout of potential whistlers.

There is no more popular sport in the Army these days than Basketball and it is good to hear that important competitions are again to be held in the Colony.

Unit entries for the Land Forces Major and Minor Unit Leagues are due to be lodged with the S.O.P.T. at H.Q.L.F. by Saturday, 25th September.

Once the entries have been received, and depending of course on the number of competitors, the composition of the leagues will be announced.

The Hongkong stage of the FARELF Inter-Unit Team Championship will be held after the leagues have been completed and it is anticipated that the winning Hongkong team will compete in the Final Stage of the competition at Singapore towards the end of February, 1955.

With such a fine prize at the end of the season, it seems certain that the competition will be more intense than ever this year.

In order that athletes are given every opportunity to plan their training schedule well in advance and on a progressive basis, I have been asked to give publicity to the following important dates on the Athletic Calendar which are now to be regarded as firm.

Friday, December 3, 1954—Land Forces Versus Civilians—Venue later.

Wednesday, March 2, 1955—Minor Unit Team Championships—Boundary St.

Friday, March 4, 1955—Major Unit Team Championships—Boundary St.

Thursday, March 10, 1955—Individual Championships—Boundary St.

And now one for the hockey enthusiasts. The final trials for places in the Army Hockey sides are taking place at Sookunpo this afternoon starting at 4 p.m.

Fifty-two players have been invited to take part and there is a strong feeling of confidence that the Army is going to be well represented in the 'A' 'B' and 'C' teams.

While on the subject of hockey it is well to remind players and officials that there is one important new rule in force this season. Under this rule the goalkeeper is no longer allowed to remove his pads to take part in a penalty bully.

Last week I offered my congratulations to the swimmers, divers, and water polo players who represented the Land Forces, Hongkong, in the FARELF Championships at Singapore recently.

Only when one can hear all the facts that surrounded the visit of the team to Singapore it is possible to realise how well earned these congratulations really were.

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## Around Hollywood With MICHAEL RUDDY

# There Will Be Quite A Queue Waiting For Mr. Flynn's Return

At McDaniel's Supermarket, I met Lili Damita at the greengrocery department. Errol Flynn's first wife is waiting for the Gay Lover to return. "He owes me \$30,000 for alimony, support and taxes and I am really pressed for cash. D'you know when he's coming back here?" Lili demanded. I admitted I didn't.

But she might as well queue up for Mr. Flynn. There's wife No. 2, Nora Cabot, his erstwhile pal. Perhaps when "William Tell" and the movie with Anna Neagle are shown on this side, all will be well with the Flynn fortunes. At present, however, it may be wiser for him to stay in Europe.

In "St. Louis Woman", Frank Sinatra will play a champion jockey. That's why you see Frankie-boy in the races every Saturday. Will his wife, Ava Gardner, be as yet undivorced from him, be in the film, too? It depends on her mood when she returns from South America where she is making personal appearances in connection with the "Barfoot Contest", which she filmed in Italy with Humphrey Bogart, who plugs the picture on radio and television.

Note: "The Barfoot Contest" is remarkably like Rita Hayworth's life-story.

Mike Rooney has become the impresario. His medium-to-large vision. He plans to present the story of Johnny Longden, the great jockey, British-born, and may play Longden himself. He's also contracted for Laurel and Hardy to do 26 television films for the Rooney production company.

THE CHURCHILL PLAN

Some of Hollywood's bawling stars are trying out the Churchill plan, managing the scalp with Mr. Churchill while crossing on the "Franconia" disliked a thing only on the voyage. Because there was no fresh milk aboard, he resented being managed with condensed milk.

The bawling ones—Humphrey Bogart, Fred Astaire, Brian Donlevy, Bing Crosby, Michael Wildier, Edward G. Robinson, William Powell.

Reminds me, E.G. Robinson is back in his favourite role as a prosecuting attorney in "Dead Pigeon" with Ginger Rogers as a female gangster. It seems Ginger will not dance again in films. Only dramatic roles, as in "The Black Widow", in which she's a lovely murderer.

Charles Farrell, Mayor of Palm Springs, owner of the Racquet Club, star of the popular TV show "My Little Sarge", told me that he hoped the show would be shown in Britain next year. "I'd like to go over for the first time," said white-haired, plump Farrell who wisely invested his film earnings in property, land and apartment houses, and a couple of old mills which produce black gold daily.

The previous record, one hour 31 mins 25 secs, was set up by H. A. G. Kertes in 1934, and was overdue for a beating, but no one expected it to be so easily broken. Brando's explanation: "I figured my normal South Chicago draw would contrast too sharply with the Mid-Atlantic speech of Merle Oberon. Jean Simmons, Michael, Remate, Elizabeth Sellars, Napoleon, with a Brando British accent! The French will rise in righteous wrath, methinks."

A SORDID STORY

As director of "Night of the Hunter", a sordid story of murder and rape, actor Charles Laughton closed the set last week to visitors while Robert Mitchum, a sort of southern Jack the Ripper, and Shelley Winters, did some heavy dramatics. Best performance: York-shireman Laughton's.

My neighbour, Eleanor Powell, Glenn Ford's wife, is doing an interesting television show, "Sunday School," and to make sure the children see

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## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

### Newcastle Parson Took Live Snake Into Pulpit

By H. King Wood

Sydney, Sept. 10.

Biggest legal shock for a long time was the withdrawal of the Leader of the Federal Opposition, Dr Evatt, from the Petrov Royal Commission on spying.

The Royal Commissioners withdrew his leave to appear for two members of his staff on the ground that his public office conflicted with his work as a counsel before the Commission.

What happened is only what has been freely tipped in legal circles over the last few weeks, for there is not the slightest doubt that the Commission assumed quite a different character with the appearance of the "Doc" before it.

Previously the Commission had proceeded along well defined lines, but Dr Evatt raised issues which brought it well into the political spotlight.

The day before his leave was withdrawn the "Sydney Sun" asked in an editorial: "Is this an inquiry by the Royal Commissioners or by Dr Evatt?"

Political circles say more will be heard of this yet.

#### SERPENT IN PULPIT

Best public relation man of the week—Rev A. H. Betts, of Newcastle Baptist Church.

This gentleman gave it out very early last week that on the following Sunday he would preach on the entry of the serpent into the Garden of Eden, and to illustrate his points, proposed taking a live snake into the pulpit with him.

Result—Mr B. brings out columns and columns of advance publicity—and a full church. He kept his word about the snake. At the punch line of his sermon he pulled a five-foot carpet snake out of a bag and issued an invitation to anyone to handle it.

There were few takers. A carpet snake incidentally grows to practically any length in this country, lives on rats, mice and various small field creatures, looks as repulsive as most snakes—but is quite harmless as far as humans are concerned.

#### STILL WORKS AT 90

Working away in his Pitt Street legal office this week was Mr Harold Morgan, one of the well known solicitors of this town. He planned to work on as usual last Friday, but a flood of telegrams, phone calls and callers somewhat upset his day. Mr Morgan was 90, but couldn't see any excuse in that to make him stop work.

His two young boys, aged 51 and 49 respectively—work in the office with him.

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A few hundred miles away up the North Coast—Mrs Ida Olive Fitch walked out of Milledale post office and closed the door on 52 years as postmistress. She began at 17, finished at 69, started on 10/7 a week and ended at £12.

#### £1 FINE COST £120

A barrister said in the Sydney Traffic Court this week that a £1 fine would cost his client £120 in expenses. The barrister, Mr D. Milne, said the hearing had lasted 12 months and that witnesses in the action had wasted more than 80 working hours waiting for the case to finish.

He said the case had been before the court only five hours in the 12 months.

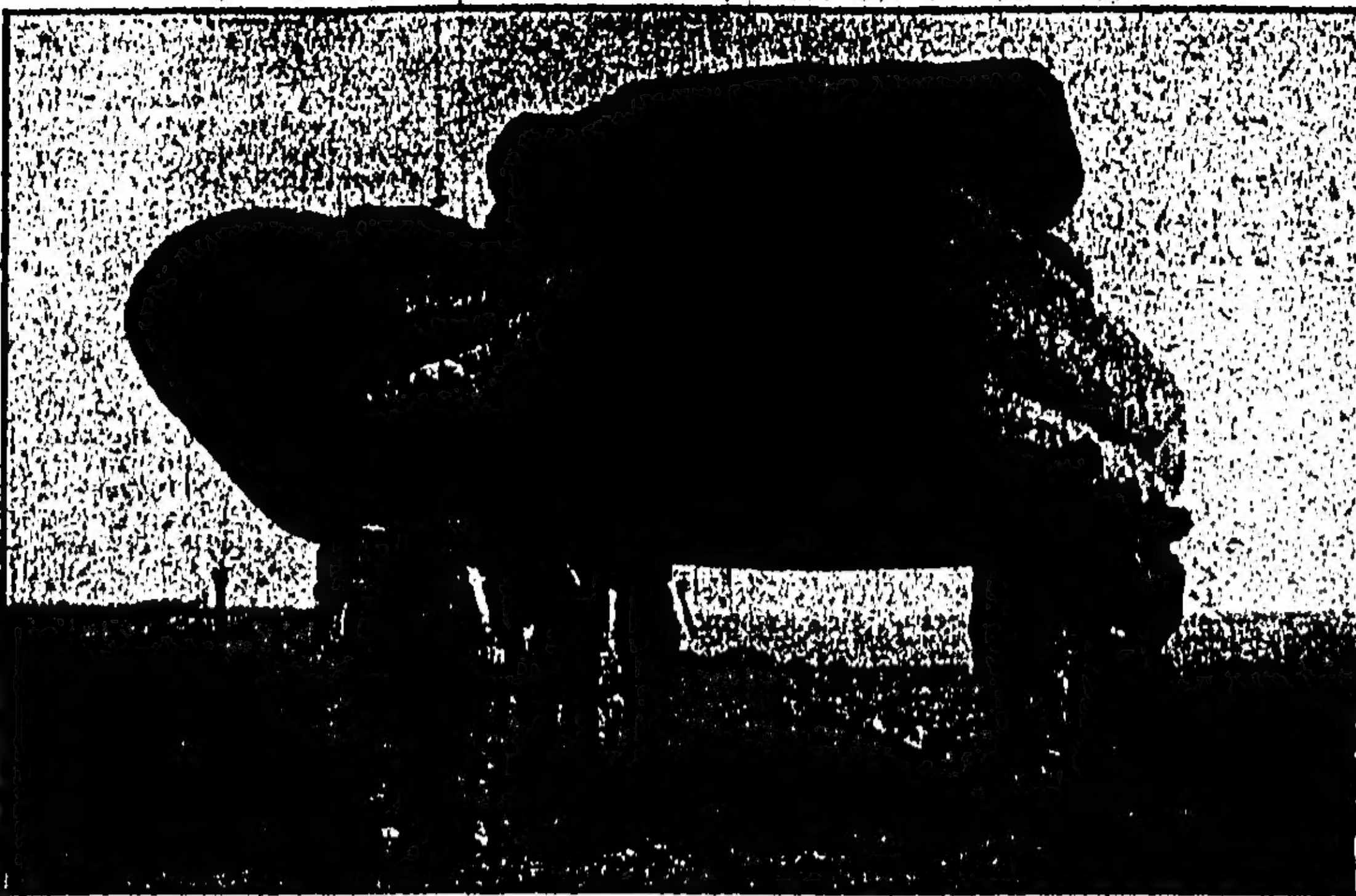
"If my client had pleaded guilty when the case started in June last year the cost would have been only small," Mr Milne said. "As it is, he has paid a premium for pleading not guilty."

As a matter of fact practically every solicitor around town advises motorists up on minor charges to plead guilty to get the matter out of the way.

They tell would-be clients that a defended case is very much like a radio serial—something that just goes on and on—and the longer it goes on the dearer become the costs, because police witnesses are transferred, civilian witnesses leave their jobs, move—and in some cases die.

In short, the cheapest way out of it is to plead guilty to a wrong-doing, even if you feel you are innocent.

## This One Is Full Of Air



Some 12,000 men and 4,000 vehicles are taking part in Exercise "London Bridge"—on Salisbury Plain. The Exercise—being carried out by the 56th (London) Armoured Division (T.A.) is designed to give the division practice in carrying out an approach march followed by an opposed crossing of the river and a break-out from the bridgehead—against an enemy known to be equipped with Atomic Bombs. The picture shows members of the Joint Concealment Centre—carry a blown-up rubber Centurion tank—during the manoeuvres.

### Bao Dai May Be Asked To Intervene In Vietnam Row

Saigon, Sept. 14.

Premier Ngo Dinh Diem was reliably reported tonight to have called on Emperor Bao Dai to intervene in a wrangle between the civil government and the Army, which threatens to throw the nation into a full political crisis.

The cleavage between the Army and the Cabinet was underlined in unmistakable terms again today when Army Chief of Staff General Nguyen Van Hinh rejected a Government demand to step down and leave Indo-China on the noon plane for Paris.

General Hinh, in a press conference, denounced Premier Diem for "partisan politics" and said the Army would continue to fight against Communist infiltration in the free southern section of the divided country. "Now the People's army has the say," he added in a clear reference to the Government.

Although some reports said the Premier already has agreed to rescind his exile order under resignation threats from four of his Ministers, no authority was ready to say when the crisis would be finished.

Reliable source said Premier Diem had asked the Vietnam Chief of State, Emperor Bao Dai, still "resting" on the French Riviera despite a month-old statement that he was returning to his country shortly.

Only a few days ago, every one here was saying the playboy Emperor had lost all his influence. But today the same persons were finding him as the only unifying influence in this divided country, and thus the only man capable to resolve the seeming inextricable split.

General Hinh, 43-year-old son of a former Premier and his country's first native army commander, said his resolute refusal to leave despite three direct orders had safeguarded the army's unity for difficult days ahead and saved it from political fluctuations. He denied he acted from any personal reasons.

COURT MARTIAL THREAT. The Secretary of State for National Defence, to Ngoc Chan, is reported to have threatened him with court martial if he does not obey the Government's order.

Usually reliable quarters said the cause of the quarrel was an attempt by the Premier to stifle growing anti-Government feelings among Army officers, who want stronger action against Communist propaganda.

Quarters close to the General did not conceal his opposition to the present Government as being neither strong nor popular.

It was reported that four ministers said they would resign if the dispute was not ended soon. A number of others are said to be "very reserved" in their attitude.—United Press.

### Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Program Summary: 5.30 Lucky Dip (Variety); 6.00 News; 6.15 Folk songs; 6.30 Music; 6.45 Orchestra of the Week—Boston Symphony; 7.00 Variety Favourites; 7.15 The Concertmaster; 7.30 World News (London Relay); 8.15 The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association; 8.30 A Talk by R. W. Price; 8.45 Music; 9.00 Violin and Piano (Devil's Waltz) and Arthur Huisman (Violin); 9.15 Recital by Rene Keown (Index); 9.30 News; 9.45 Music; 10.00 The Hopkins Manuscript (read by R. C. Sheriff); 10.15 Drama; 10.30 The Hongkong Stage Club; 10.45 Edgar Hopkins; 11.00 The Hopkins Manuscript; 11.15 The Hopkins Manuscript; 11.30 The Hopkins Manuscript; 11.45 The Hopkins Manuscript; 12.00 The Hopkins Manuscript; 12.15 The Hopkins Manuscript; 12.30 The Hopkins Manuscript; 12.45 The Hopkins Manuscript; 1.00 The Hopkins Manuscript; 1.15 The Hopkins Manuscript; 1.30 The Hopkins Manuscript; 1.45 The Hopkins Manuscript; 2.00 The Hopkins Manuscript; 2.15 The Hopkins Manuscript; 2.30 The Hopkins Manuscript; 2.45 The Hopkins Manuscript; 3.00 The Hopkins Manuscript; 3.15 The Hopkins Manuscript; 3.30 The Hopkins Manuscript; 3.45 The Hopkins Manuscript; 4.00 The Hopkins Manuscript; 4.15 The Hopkins Manuscript; 4.30 The Hopkins Manuscript; 4.45 The Hopkins Manuscript; 5.00 The Hopkins Manuscript; 5.15 The Hopkins Manuscript; 5.30 The Hopkins Manuscript; 5.45 The Hopkins Manuscript; 6.00 The Hopkins Manuscript; 6.15 The Hopkins Manuscript; 6.30 The Hopkins Manuscript; 6.45 The Hopkins Manuscript; 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